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
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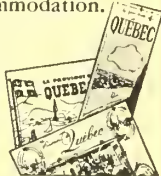




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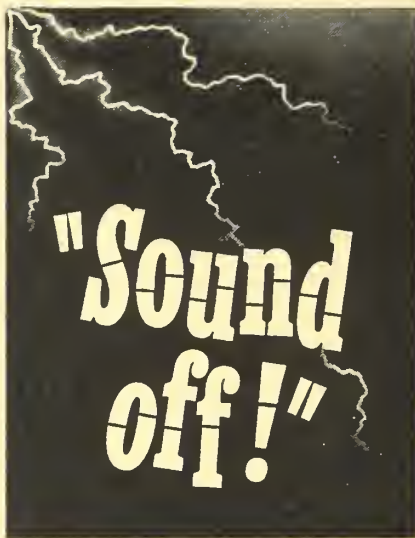
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Sir: In reference to William Graham's article "There's Only One Winner" in the February issue, as you know there was little affection lost in WW2 between the Army Air Force and the Naval Air Arm. But as the Operations Officer of the 27th Heavy Bomber Squadron which was based on the Island of Nanumea, where Graham and his crew made their emergency landing after their bomber dogfight and kill of the Japanese 4-engine seaplane, I would like to go on record to state the tremendous admiration all of us Air Force fliers on the Island of Nanumea had and still have for the gutsy show that Graham and his crew put up with a superior aircraft deep in enemy territory. I, personally, literally, put my hands in the gaping wounds of their PB4Y, and I saw Graham's blood on the flight deck of that aircraft.

Darrel Brady
Los Angeles

OFF THE SHELF

Sir: I want to express my satisfaction at the fine way Tom Mahoney presented the pharmacist in his article "Merchants of Life" in the March issue. This article will do much to take us pharmacists off the shelf for the seemingly high prices we must charge for wonder drugs.

W. T. Hayes
Rochelle, Ill.

EDUCATION TOO COSTLY

Sir: I have read Edgar A. Grunwald's article in the February issue of your magazine titled "Is There an Engineer in Your House?" Mr. Grunwald stresses the fact that American industry is desperate for engineers, which is entirely true, but I wish he might have included in the article the fact that there are many prospective engineers in this country who do not have the means to support themselves during four years or more of college to secure an engineering degree. I would

venture a guess that students in this category would outnumber all the graduate engineers in this country.

R. A. Wolf
Wingate, Ind.

THANK YOU NOTE

Sir: In "Sound Off!" for March you published my letter offering match covers. Well, today I have no match covers but I do have nearly a bushel basketful of letters, which goes to prove that a lot of people read "Sound Off!" I received answers from all parts of the U.S.A. Some phoned, others wired, and others wrote air mail, special delivery. I wish I had had enough to go around for all these wonderful people who wrote me. I wish I could write to everyone but there are entirely too many letters for me to answer. Will you please express my thanks?

John Y. Weber
Falls Church, Va.

SUGGESTION

Sir: The veterans hospitals are available for medical treatment of veterans who are unable to pay other institutions. To put it bluntly, if a veteran is well-to-do he cannot enter a veterans hospital, and if he is very poor or destitute he may enter. In between the rich and the poor there are hundreds of thousands of veterans who cannot afford to pay the exorbitant fees charged by the M.D.'s for medical service and surgery. These veterans can pay the VA some money for hospital care and medical service, and the amount to be paid can be made proportional to the income of the veteran.

Page Stelle
Point Pleasant, N. J.

PANAMA CANAL

Sir: The article in the March 1957 issue of *The American Legion Magazine* "Let's Look at our Own Canal," is not only a masterpiece of research but indicates a high level of understanding of the serious problems created by Alger Hiss & Company and by those who permitted him to get away with it. Furthermore, the article is timely and perhaps prophetic in that one day in the early future the same ruckus about the Suez Canal could happen to the Panama Canal.

Maxwell Landon
Hollywood, Calif.

Sir: May I take this opportunity of congratulating you on the very excellent article entitled "Let's Look at our Own Canal." This is—without a doubt—one of the finest, most thought-provoking articles of its kind I have ever read; and I am writing to *The Reader's Digest* to suggest its reprint therein.

E. D. Muir
San Antonio, Tex.

Sir: The article by Maurice Ries in the March issue about Alger Hiss and the Panama Canal is so true. What are

we going to do about getting rid of some of these guys? And we need more jaunts similar to the one by the Ambassadors with Bats to Central and South America. Having worked with the Engineers in the Canal Zone for fourteen years, I can easily understand how the trip of the Ambassadors could easily better relations with our Latin American neighbors.

Bob Moulden
Orlando, Fla.

Sir: I am one of the very few Legionnaires that read the article "Let's Look at our Own Canal." Like Texas Oil, McCarthy, Dirksen and Jenner, the article stinks. The article like the above named parties tries to assassinate the characters of men.

Emery W. Sivley
Eugene, Oreg.

THREE PROBLEMS

Sir: In "Sound Off!" for February, Florence B. Kuhn, Elmer V. Klaiber and C. E. Ziegenfuss have presented you with three problems. How are you going to answer them? Unless you *do* answer them—quickly and completely—the balance of the contents of the magazine will be worse than "sounding brass." What forces are at work to keep the President away from Arlington when he (and no one in his place) should go there? Was it because he *did not* go that the news coverage was so perfunctory? Mrs. or Miss Kuhn and all of us are entitled to an answer. Mr. Klaiber would possibly like to know what steps, if any, the magazine took to restore Mr. Shaughnessy to his position. Can it be possible that we *do* have individuals and organizations who do not care? Mr. Klaiber is only one of many who would like that one answered. Mr. Ziegenfuss states a plain case. An entire issue could be used to answer the problems enumerated. Some mighty hand should be raised to restore General of the Army MacArthur to his rightful place, and in doing so his record should be swept clean or history is going to be unkind to several—some now living—and especially one man. And, while you are about it, hunt up the facts concerning Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, Chief of the Bureau of Personnel, Navy Department. In a little different way, he was given the same treatment. There now, get to work!

Townsend Harding Boyer
Haddonfield, N. J.

LIKED COVER

Sir: Please accept my congratulations for your unusual cover on the March issue of *The American Legion Magazine*. I would say it is one of outstanding scope, so graphic that it stretched back the years in one breath for those of us who got into the Legion on the strength of the "war to end all wars." The consistent and undeviating American policy of our great organi-

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EDITOR'S CORNER

HOMUS BOOBUS

A FEW WEEKS ago J. Edgar Hoover made a speech in which he declared that the weakest link in our security chain is the "pseudo liberal," that very clever fellow who is always in there pitching for the comrades.

Certainly Mr. Hoover ought to know what he's talking about. He knows from his own experience how these phonies strike venomously at anyone who hurts communism or communist causes. He is well aware, too, of the power that these treacherous people wield, and the amazing access they have to platforms, government offices, pulpits, news columns, radio microphones, and television cameras.

Even so, we beg to differ with the distinguished head of the FBI. The pseudo liberals would be innocuous nonentities if it were not for a lot of silly Americans who persist in applauding and supporting them, even when the wretches are exposed as camp followers of communism, doing the Kremlin's dirty work in the United States. So, for our money, the weakest link in our security chain is not the pseudo liberal but the nitwit who makes it possible for him to flourish.

Incidentally, there's nothing new in the type. Sinclair Lewis pinpointed such pinheads in the character of George Babbitt. Today sophisticated Americans laugh at Lewis's arch-conformist, but we have more Babbitts than ever in our midst. You'll find them with mouths agape listening to the sophistry of the pseudo liberals. You'll find them sending their kids to be educated by such fools and knaves. You'll find them trying to acquire culture by reading stuff written by the phonies.

Maybe we are witnessing the end of the bourgeoisie, as predicted by Karl Marx. If so, much of the credit for this achievement can go to these latter-day Babbitts, a class of Americans bitingly referred to by the late H. L. Mencken as "the booboisie."

REMINDER

SINCE AMERICANS have an amazing capacity for forgetting important things, we'd like to urge you to read a new book, *Patrick J. Hurley*, by Don Lohbeck, published by Regnery. Mr. Hurley was appointed by President Roosevelt to serve as Ambassador to China during World War II, and this put him right in the middle of the cabal that was out to get Chiang Kai-shek.

Every now and then we hear a blast coming from members of that cabal or

their many sympathizers, trying to prove that a collection of State Department hirelings who did so much for the communist cause in China were good but possibly misguided Americans. The Hurley book serves as an excellent reminder of what really did happen, and it traces quite clearly the interesting activities of such characters as John Paton Davies, John Stewart Service, John Carter Vincent, Owen Lattimore, General Stilwell, John K. Emmerson, Raymond P. Ludden.

Incidentally, this excellent book has been getting the usual treatment from the dedicated people who review books.

THEY NEVER GIVE UP

THE AMERICAN people, Congress, and both political parties are emphatically opposed to admitting Red China to the United Nations, and to granting U.S. diplomatic recognition to Mao's mob. Even so, the pressure being exerted in Red China's behalf continues.

Not long ago Meyer Kestnbaum, recently appointed White House aide, made a speech in which he advanced the old line that eventually we must accept Red China. This so incensed Senator Styles Bridges that he wanted to know if Kestnbaum's remarks could be construed as official policy. Incidentally, this being such a small world, Kestnbaum is a member of the Board of Trustees of that strange organization known as the Fund for the Republic. He is also the president of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, manufacturers of men's clothing.

All this propagandizing in behalf of Red China is reminiscent of the pressure that was applied in behalf of Red Russia more than two decades ago. Like Red China today, Red Russia then needed propping up. Businessmen, avid for trade (which never materialized), joined with the usual clique of phony liberals, reds, and pinks in selling the idea that we ought to recognize Stalin's bloody bolsheviks as the legitimate rulers of Russia. The American Legion and the American Federation of Labor made themselves highly unpopular in many quarters by holding out against this recognition.

In 1933 President Roosevelt signed the papers which conferred a measure of badly needed respectability on the Stalin regime, and it is hardly necessary to remind you of what this recognition has caused us. But is it necessary to repeat this heroic blunder on the say-so of people like Meyer Kestnbaum?

PEANUTS!

THE DAY we were working on captions for the article "Are We Bleeding Ourselves White?" an interesting story appeared in the papers. It told that Poland was asking for \$300,000,000 in aid from the United States, and this interesting comment was made:

"Some Polish sources have indicated that a small figure — \$50,000,000 or less — would not be worth taking."

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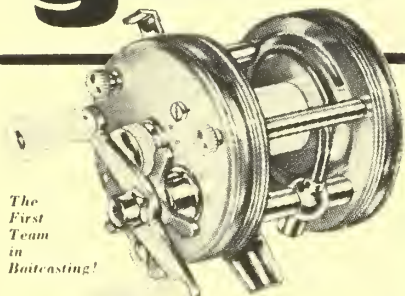
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- Most new cars have smaller wheels (14-in. diameter instead of 15).
- Tire pressures generally are lower by a couple of pounds (but don't under-inflate). Moreover, on some cars the pressure in the front tires is higher than in the rear.
- Gas tanks tend to be bigger. Bear that in mind if you like to drive full up—as many good drivers do to prevent condensation of water vapor.
- Study the towing problem and the humps in your driveway. The rear overhang is now so great that careless treatment will snap the bumper.
- Body finishes are better, but “set” differently sometimes. Save your elbow grease until you have studied up on what care the manufacturer recommends. The same goes for upholstery.
- Lubrication, oil, and filter changes have a new timing—usually on the longer side.
- Don't baby the car too much while breaking it in. No manufacturer suggests that you run it across the Utah salt flats the first day, but excessive pampering might cause poor fuel and oil economy.

A landmark of the depression is starting to disappear—the so-called “fair trade laws” which permit a manufacturer to set the price of his goods all the way from his factory to the retail counter.

These laws originally were intended to stop big distributors from under-selling and ruining the little fellows. In drugs and appliances the “fair trade” trend was long and strong.

But last year the statutes were killed in five States, and now they're in jeopardy in four more. On top of that, mighty Eastman Kodak has abandoned fair trading in favor of free prices.

Prosperity, discount houses, supermarkets, and the trouble manufacturers have in operating such a system are throttling it. It's another evidence of (1) how plentiful merchandise is today, and (2) how fast the race for your dollar is getting.

Will hurricanes plague the nation much this year? Predictions are foolish, of course, but the scientific hunch of the weather experts is that the big winds will be less fearsome. Reason: We seem to be passing into a colder cycle, during which hurricanes tend to be rarer.

Last year, incidentally, was the first in a long time when natural disasters didn't head the list of major accidents. Airplane and railway mishaps displaced them (No. 1 was the Grand Canyon plane collision). But in the four years before that, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and fires were most spectacular. In any event, it's still a good idea to review your insurance.

Now is the time to check whether everybody in your household under 40 has had his polio shots.

Just as a reminder: You need three shots all told for best results. The interval between first and second can be as short as two to six weeks; the third comes about seven months after that. But two are a pretty good defense. There's enough time to get them before the hot weather starts.

Predictions some years back that hi-fi would be a temporary fad (because you could get the music free via FM radio) have proved to be completely wrong. The hobby is booming as never before—apparently because (1) the devotee wants to make his own choice about what he listens to, and (2) there's a kick in tinkering with the equipment.

Latest aid on the latter front is a new test record developed by Popular Science magazine (Records, 104 E. 26th St., New York City, 10; \$3.50). This one is different in that it enables the audiophile to measure and adjust his gear component by component—instead of merely demonstrating the capacity of the unit as a whole.

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PHOTOS BY DONATO LEO



Auxiliary brings paper and wire to vet's bedside, and poppymaking begins. Medical experts praise the work, call it a great help in curing sick men.

VETERAN'S FLOWER

Memorial Poppies honor the
dead and help the living.

By **EDWARD W. ATKINSON**

EVERY YEAR for a few days before Memorial Day the poppy becomes America's national flower. Advance estimates indicate that this year 20,000,000 of the little red flowers will sprout from American buttonholes.

Approximately \$2,000,000 will be contributed for Legion poppies, on the Saturday before Memorial Day in most States. About \$400,000 of this goes directly to the approximately 10,000 disabled veterans who make the flowers. The

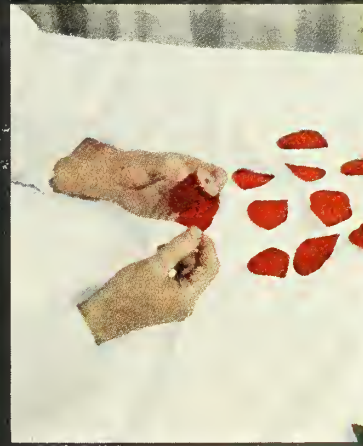
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1. The veteran first puts the center of the poppy on the bare wire.



2. Then he pulls that through the wooden spool he uses as a mold.



3. He puts four petals around the spool, shaping them like a poppy.



4. Next, he fixes the petals together with naked wire.



5. Job is nearly done as wire is wrapped with green stem paper.



6. Last step is to attach label bearing Legion and Auxiliary emblems.



Here's the finished product. The next step is up to you.



Aerial view showing beach, Boardwalk, and hotels.

CITY

Located on an island five miles at sea, Atlantic City's five-mile ocean front provides excellent beach facilities for swimming and general relaxation. An estimated 8,000,000 people annually take advantage of this marvelous beach.



Mammoth "Lucy" on the beach is a top attraction. Visitors can go topside.



Closely resembling the sidewalk cafes found in France is this attractive outdoor terrace overlooking the ocean. Eating facilities are excellent and abundant.

Two ocean piers provide entertainment for children. This is Steeplechase.

Atlantic Race Course, scene of American Legion Handicap.





The Boardwalk is four miles long, world's biggest.



Atlantic City's Boardwalk boasts all kinds of shops, from hotdog and Coke stands to elaborate jewelry stores where the price tags range up to \$25,000.

BY THE SEA

THE PLACE: Atlantic City

THE DATE: September 16-19

THE OCCASION: The 39th

Annual Convention of
The American Legion.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the history of The American Legion, a National Convention will be held at Atlantic City, N. J. Since the famous seaside resort is convenient to many millions of people, and because of the city's many attractions, a few of which are shown here, this year's convention is expected to set an all-time attendance record.

THE END



↑ World-famous Atlantic City Convention Hall, where Legion business sessions will be held. The main hall seats 40,000, and there are smaller auditoriums. Ocean sightseeing and deep sea fishing are available for visitors. This Inlet ↓ dock will be headquarters for fishermen and other oceangoing Legionnaires.



Who has not heard of Atlantic City's renowned Miss America Pageant?



WHEN IS A MAN

TOO OLD TO WORK?

Arbitrary rules are casting into the discard millions of men whose only fault is that they are more than forty years of age.

By CLARENCE WOODBURY

IN THIS PERIOD OF so-called full employment and unparalleled prosperity one large and growing group of people in this country are getting slim pickings. They are the unemployed older workers who, because of arbitrary age restrictions imposed by industry, cannot find jobs.

Most of these older people are steady, reliable citizens with good work records behind them. Thousands are veterans of World War I, who have now reached an average age of 62, or of World War II, whose average age is nearing 38. Far from being senile incompetents, the majority are at the peak, or not far beyond the peak, of their productive capacity. Their only sin is that they have had a few more birthdays than most of their fellow Americans, but this makes them industrial untouchables in the eyes of countless employers.

The grim seriousness of this discrimination was emphasized recently in a statement to this magazine by James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor. "Senseless age barriers based on obsolete conceptions of the word 'old' are depriving our economy of the services of thousands of skilled workers of mature years," he said. "If these barriers are not eliminated we will be up against a problem that could be disastrous not only to older job seekers but to the entire nation."

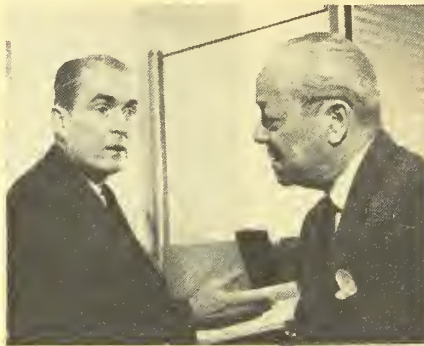
You need only glance at the help wanted ads in any big newspaper to perceive the truth of Secretary Mitchell's

Statement by EDWARD L. OMOHUNDRO
Chief, Veterans Employment Service



I have read this article by Clarence Woodbury with a great deal of interest and feel that it hits the nail on the head. Providing employment opportunities for older workers is one of the most important problems we face in the country today, and one of vital concern to veterans.

In presenting this discussion to its large audience of veterans The American Legion Magazine is performing a real public service.



The elderly job-seeker soon finds he is up against "company policy."

words. Maximum age limits often start at 30 or 35, many more are set at 40 or 45, comparatively few jobs are advertised for people between 45 and 55, and workers over 55 are so rarely wanted that you might think anyone who has passed that milestone is a decrepit dodderer with long white whiskers.

Government statistics support the evidence of the want ads. In a recent study of employment practices in seven large cities, State and Federal researchers found that upper age restrictions were placed on 58 percent of all job openings and that, while 40 percent of all job seekers were over 45, only 22 percent of all persons hired were over that age. In other words, it is more than twice as hard for a person over 45 to land a job as it is for a younger person.

Other indications of the plight of many unemployed older people are all too plentiful. While numerous companies complain that they can't get help, the nation's park benches, public libraries, and the waiting rooms of railroad

and bus terminals are occupied largely by men in the prime of life who are idle through no fault of their own. You will see them too in cheap movies and restaurants, often seeing the picture more than once or making a cup of



As a result he is forced to become a burden on his children . . .



▲ . . . or he burdens them indirectly by his need for public help.

coffee last a long time, because they don't want to go home and admit to their womenfolk that they have failed in still another day of job hunting.

Discrimination against older workers is by no means new. It has existed in all countries since the beginning of the industrial age. This was pointed out recently in a letter to the Labor Department containing a quotation that is



Discrimination against older people makes scenes like this common.

attributed to an unknown Englishman.

"What is the use of living in an empire on which the sun never sets," this man asked many years ago, "if one must live out one's days in an alley into which the sun never shines?"

But the older worker problem here is becoming more acute every year due to profound population changes. The nation is aging rapidly. Between 1900 and 1955, while the total population merely doubled, the number of people between 45 and 64 tripled, and those over 65 quadrupled. Today, 18 percent of all Americans are over 45 and, if the trend continues, 29 percent will be over that age by 1975.

Because of these population changes, the percentage of older workers is rising steadily; and if they are not granted equality of opportunity with younger workers, everybody will suffer. When older people are denied jobs, younger people have to support them either as direct dependents or through taxes. And if we let age barriers keep millions of competent workers from producing goods and services during coming years

we will waste an immense national resource.

What is most shocking about the whole situation, however, is that most of the age restrictions imposed in industry don't make sense. The average employer, of course, is neither a philanthropist nor an ogre. He is a businessman who naturally tries to get the best bargain he can when he goes shopping

for employees. In times past it was often wise for him to insist upon young workers because many jobs demanded youthful muscle, energy, and endurance. But in this era of almost universal mechanization and rapidly spreading automation most of the old reasons for barring older workers are no longer justified. And by clinging to obsolete concepts many employers are not only unfair to these workers, but are acting against their own best interests.

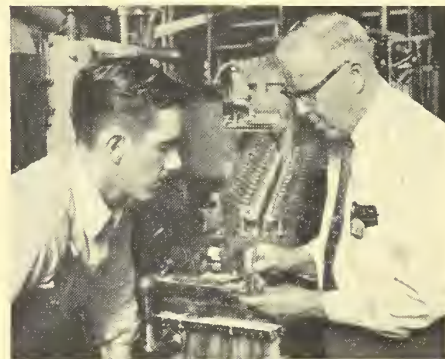
This fact was brought to light more sharply than ever before in a series of studies made last year by the Labor Department to find out *why* older workers are discriminated against and what can be done about it.

The commonest reason given by employers, it was discovered, is that *older workers are much less productive than younger workers*.

This belief, research showed, is not supported by facts. In a complex survey of actual hourly output of 2,000 piece-workers of all ages in eight different plants in two major industries, it was found that chronological age had little to do with output per man-hour. Some individuals in their 60's turned out more work per hour than others in their 20's and 30's, and the reverse just as often was true.

On the average, employees between 45 and 54 were just as productive as those between 35 and 44, and the pro-

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William J. Hutcheons, left, gets some expert advice from Walter C. Goss, who has been with Smith & Wesson since 1914.



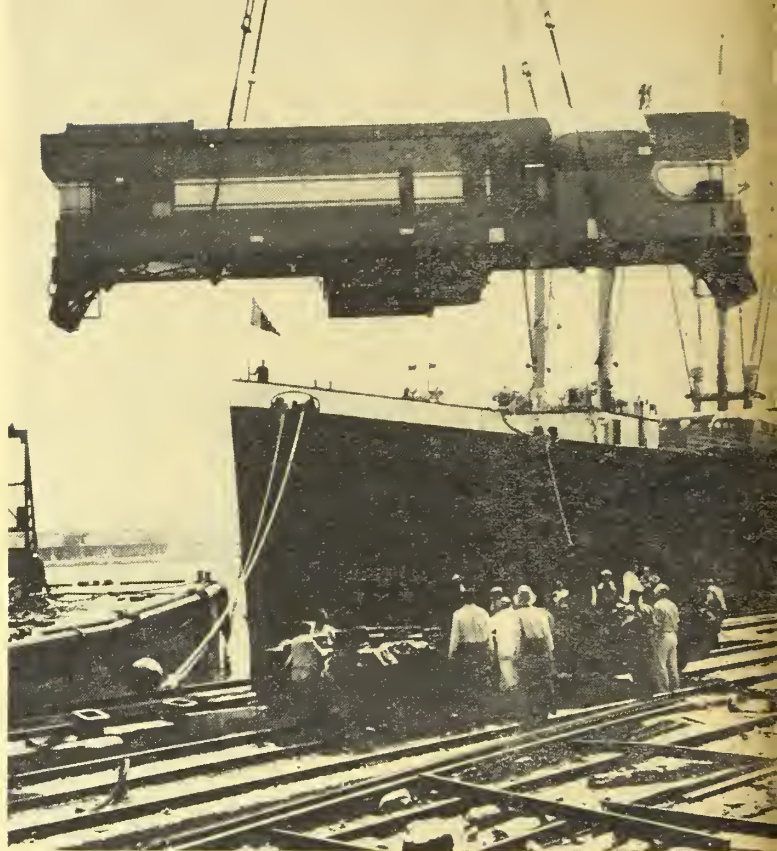
▲ Lincoln Electric lightens the load of older workers by use of modern machinery.



82-year-old J. A. Wangler makes toys for Childhood Interests.

ARE WE BLEEDING OURSELVES WHITE ?

We ship billions abroad for "foreign aid," and the proponents of such aid call for greater giveaways.



We provide a locomotive for the Egyptians.

By EUGENE W. CASTLE

Author of the much discussed book The Great Giveaway, Mr. Castle is a former newspaperman and film executive.



EARLY IN THE century the United States established a policy which came to be known as "dollar diplomacy." This meant the use of American diplomatic power to promote and safeguard our financial interests abroad, so Americans could invest in overseas enterprises without too much risk of having their money confiscated by foreign governments or politicians in need of funds.

Usually those foreign investments meant profits to the investors, sometimes handsome profits. However, the policy did not sit well with the liberals of that time. They decried the use of diplomatic and military pressure to insure investments, and dollar diplomacy was roundly denounced as a wicked form of med-

dling in the affairs of other countries.

Today we have a new kind of dollar diplomacy. It too in-

volves the use of American money abroad, but nowadays we are dealing in billions rather than millions. And, since the billions are public funds provided by American taxpayers, there is an amazing nonchalance in the way our bureaucrats ladle out our money to foreign potentates. Of course profit is not our motive. The fact that we have gained little or nothing from our giveaways is quite evident from the record.

In the past ten years we have given \$60,000,000,000 to foreign nations which is euphemistically referred to as foreign aid. The avowed purpose, of course, is to win their friendship, but the age-old truth that you can't buy

friends is again demonstrated by results in this instance. Our billions have bought us mighty few friends, but they've built up a tremendous reservoir of resentment and even hatred against us. Further, our mammoth handouts have involved us in explosive situations around the world, hopelessly trapping us in the foreign entanglements that President Washington warned of many years ago.

Curiously, unlike the liberals of an earlier day, our current crop of heavy thinkers do not deplore this international kibitzing but want it stepped up. They demand even more billions for foreign governments and a greater use of American resources and technical assistance everywhere on earth. Further, they see nothing improper in employing American GI's to police these grandiose global projects, and in having American fight-

CHEERFUL GIVERS



Paul G. Hoffman



Harold E. Stassen



Chester Bowles



Walter Reuther



Benjamin A. Javits



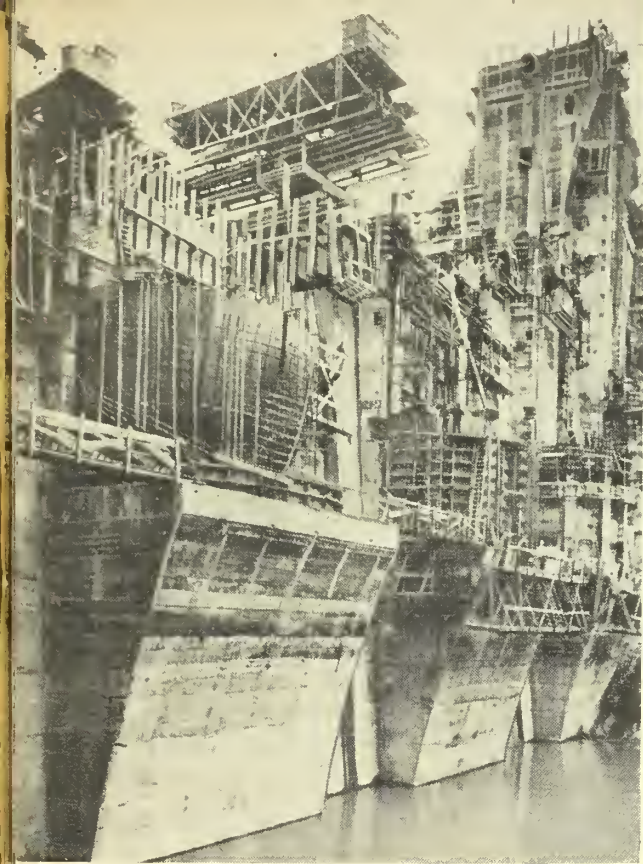
Milton S. Eisenhower



Herbert H. Lehman



Nelson A. Rockefeller



American cash is building vast waterways and power projects in the French Alps. This is the base of one dam.

NEEDY LEADERS



Sukarno, whose Indonesians are rebelling against pro-red acts.



↑ Nehru likes reds, accepts greenbacks.

Comrade Broz, also known as Tito.



ing men on hand to settle any big or little wars that might erupt because of our meddling in matters that are none of our business.

If these advocates of lavish foreign aid were down-at-the-heel crackpots the situation would not be so serious. Unfortunately, the advocates of greater financial intervention abroad are quite often people who occupy prominent positions where they can and do exert tremendous influence. Among them are Nelson Rockefeller, Walter Reuther, Chester Bowles, Paul Hoffman, Harold Stassen, Milton Eisenhower, and Senator Jacob K. Javits. A brother of the Senator, Benjamin A. Javits, has set what is probably the loftiest aim for global spending. This Javits heads an outfit called World Development Corporation, Inc. Appearing before a Senate committee in the spring of 1956, he startled the Senators with the following:

"We have to pick up the globe and ask ourselves how much capital investment it would take to develop the whole world to our own level. I estimate it will take \$2,000,000,000,000 to begin the job. It may take ten to fifteen years."

Mr. Javits didn't say that his es-

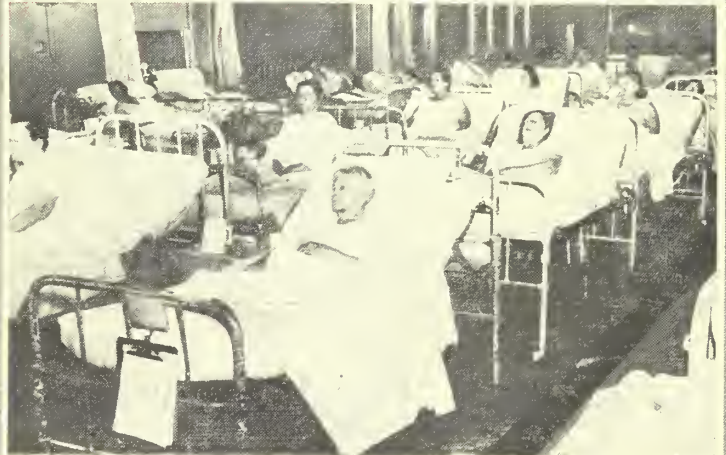
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SPOT CHECK

A Citizens Committee on Foreign Assistance Programs, appointed by President Eisenhower and headed by Benjamin F. Fairless, recently arrived in Tokyo after a tour of 18 nations. On reaching Tokyo, Mr. Fairless declared that the committee would hand President Eisenhower a "glowing report" on U.S. military and economic accomplishments abroad. *The New York Times* report on the interview with Mr. Fairless included the following:

"Asked about possible waste in the aid programs, he said the committee had not had time to look into this aspect *in its two or three days in each country.*" (Italics added)

WHERE HELP IS NEEDED AT HOME



Hospitals are overcrowded and understaffed for lack of funds.



New taxes will be needed for the new roads being built.



The need for more schools and teachers is urgent.



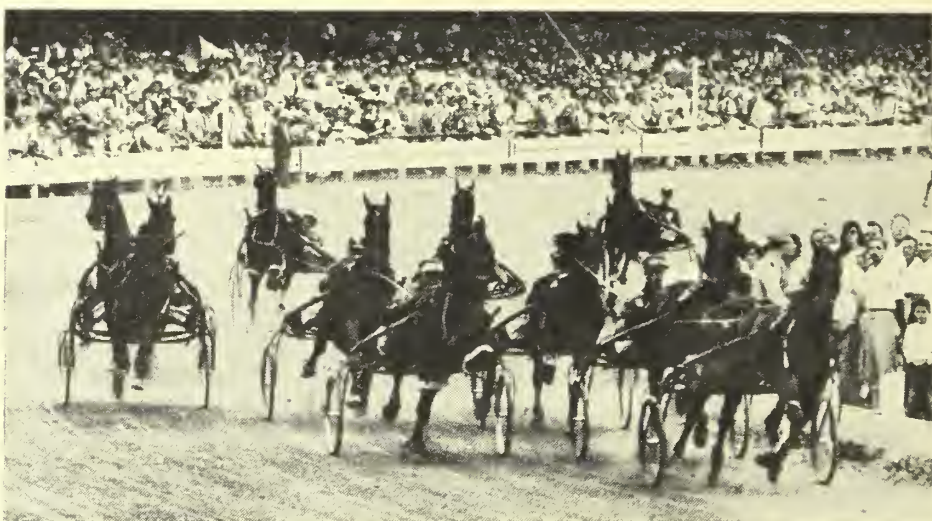
Certainly we can improve our housing facilities.

IN AN ERA saturated with exaggerated claims for almost everything one might elevate an eyebrow over the "fastest growing sport in America" line duty trumpeted throughout the United States by harness racing addicts. What quickly brings sober acceptance of the bid for trotting fame is that the 1957 season is certain to beat 1956 records which knocked the props out from preceding years. In other words, the jackpot's been hit!

The sport or big business of having horses haul 27-pound, bicycle-wheeled carts known as sulkies falls into three categories today. Half of the nearly 20 million persons who attended harness races last year were drawn to 379 county fair tracks. The other 10 million divided their allegiance between the famous old Grand Circuit in its customary one-week stands, and the "upstart" night raceways.

Most of the customers swarmed into the brightly lighted after-dark equine speedways where so much is so easily bet that nighttime Yonkers and Roosevelt, hard by New York City, kicked in nearly 25 million dollars to the State as its share of the two tracks' mutual handle last year. This figure, incidentally, was within three million of the total turned over to New York by all nine of its mutual trot tracks, and was well over half of the whole nation's \$38,000,000 contribution to 12 "betting" States as their share of the harness racing bonanza.

This sort of loud-talking big dough might indicate that the long night race-



The final heat of the 31st running of the Hambletonian at Goshen last summer.

The fast-growing sport of harness racing isn't

way meets have things pretty much their own way. Not so. Tossing aside the traditional idea that the Hambletonian Stake should always be raced at Goshen, N. Y., and turning down fabulous offers from night raceways, the Hambletonian Society designated the daytime DuQuoin, Ill., State Fair as the 1957-58 (at least) scene of the world's richest trotting event. This equivalent of the

Kentucky Derby for three-year-old Standardbreds is believed by most to be at least as old as the Louisville classic. Actually the latter is 50 years older, but the \$100,000-plus Hambletonian has come a long way in a short time.

This year is expected to set up a lot of "firsts" for 1958 to shoot at, but it's first got plenty to beat left over from last season. The total mutual play for the first time passed the half-billion-dollar mark last year. Campaigning trotters and pacers nearly totaled 15,000, which for people who thought harness horses were practically extinct must be news. Breeders, who express the pious hope that their efforts will improve the bloodlines, have seen their yearlings sell for record prices. And not to be outdone by the dollar, two juvenile pacers turned in such sizzling performances that 1957 should have trouble beating or matching them.

While nearly everyone took a deep whiff of nostalgic memories on Hambletonian Day at Goshen, the sharp-angled track that, on one stretch, saw the horses racing away from the fans, is this year being replaced by a lightning fast oval equine speedway that on August 27 should see new records set at DuQuoin for the Hambletonian. Hoot Mon, who currently holds the mark for the Hambletonian at 2:00, is the proud (presumably) father of the spring book favorite for the big race, Hickory Smoke.

The Grand Circuit, oldest major league of harness racing, is still the



Bettors line up at the windows at the big track in Yonkers. Millions are bet here yearly.



Roosevelt Raceway is prospering enough to permit spending \$16,000,000 for improvements.



The west coast too is enthusiastic over harness racing. Here a record is set at Arcadia, Calif., as Rodney runs the mile and a quarter in 2:31 2/5.

What's with the TROTTERS and the PACERS ?



Fairgrounds at DuQuoin, Ill., scene of 1957 Hambletonian.

letting tradition stand in its way.



Scott Frost, named Harness Horse of Year for 1955 and 1956.

"grand old man" of the sport despite the rather impatient nudging for attention of the extended after-dark raceways which form half of the 1957 schedule of 24 weeks of bigtime competition starting late in May in Maryland and ending in mid-November in California. The Grand Circuit, like any proud parent, grimly guards its top events and usually allocates them through various means to daytime tracks. Horses at the night tracks don't take to the open road like the all-star cast of the older segment of the "Roarin'

Grand." This permits many of the smaller stable owners to work at their regular businesses in the daytime and watch their horses race at a nearby night track.

Sedalia, Mo., with its State Fair, and Rosecroft Raceway at Oxon Hill, Md., which will inaugurate the 1957 Grand Circuit, are two of the four new members of the major loop this year. Grandview Raceway, near Cleveland, Ohio, and Arden Downs, Washington, Pa., complete the quartet.

Hollywood Park, Calif., is the only

west coast member of the bigtime harness circuit, but the sport is in solid with Far West fans who go along with their California State law in seeing their sulky-pulling favorites in the daytime or not at all. It's naturally gotten around that with many of the night raceways virtual gold mines of a midwestern and eastern variety, there must be more of them than ever. Actually, nine daytime tracks of the '57 Grand Circuit are presenting 12 weeks of major stakes as against exactly the same number of weeks of Grand Circuit racing given by ten night tracks.

Prosperity and progress in harness racing, as in most other things, have lured younger men into trotting. It wasn't so long ago that you pretty nearly had to sport a long, flowing white beard or a reasonable facsimile of same in proof of many decades spent in schooling and racing harness horses. It isn't that way any more, as witness the last four Hambletonians won by mere "youngsters" in their
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← A Hambletonian favorite will be Hickory Smoke. Driver is Johnny Simpson.

Another to watch at Du-
↓ Quoin is Cassin Hanover.





Concerning some SONGS YOU SANG IN

Tin Pan Alley had nothing whatsoever to do with these popular ditties.

By SHELDON H. PITESKY

I DIDN'T CARE what became of me
That's why I joined the
infantry."

It was after he joined that GI Joe
and the doughboys before him made
their personal contributions to Ameri-
can folk music. Their product, the GI

folksong, has since become a very im-
portant part of our American heritage.

To know what a real GI song is, we
must first understand what it is not. The
real GI songs never came from Tin Pan
Alley or Hollywood. Their parentage is
mostly unknown, and their melodies
usually taken from the old standards.

While Joe did sing *Over There* and
*Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammu-
nition*, these were really civilian songs,
well arranged and well protected by copyright.

The GI songs might be born anywhere, from a
freezing foxhole to a cramped ball turret. They
respected no age, rank, or po-
sition, and were often (alas)
unprintable. Strangely enough
a peacetime army would hardly
ever nourish them; and the
worse the conditions, the better
the song was usually the case.

A German officer wrote in
his diary: "These fools are low
in ammunition, food and must
be freezing by now. They still
keep taunting us with their
stupid songs in the worst pos-
sible German."

It seemed Joe needed thor-

oughly to insult his enemy before he
could kill him.

The pathos, humor, and sadness of
the American soldier from training
camp to combat is forever recorded in
his own invention, the GI folksong.

The highest ranking officer in any
army is, of course, the sergeant. Never
before have so many taken so much
from a few men with a few stripes on
their sleeves. This brotherly love in the
service inspired these immortal lines:

"I do not like the sergeant's face,
I do not like his chatter,



Army haberdashery came in
for a good deal of attention.



The moral was that biscuits had lethal qualities
if you happened to be hit with one accidentally.

And what I think about his brain
Is censorable matter.

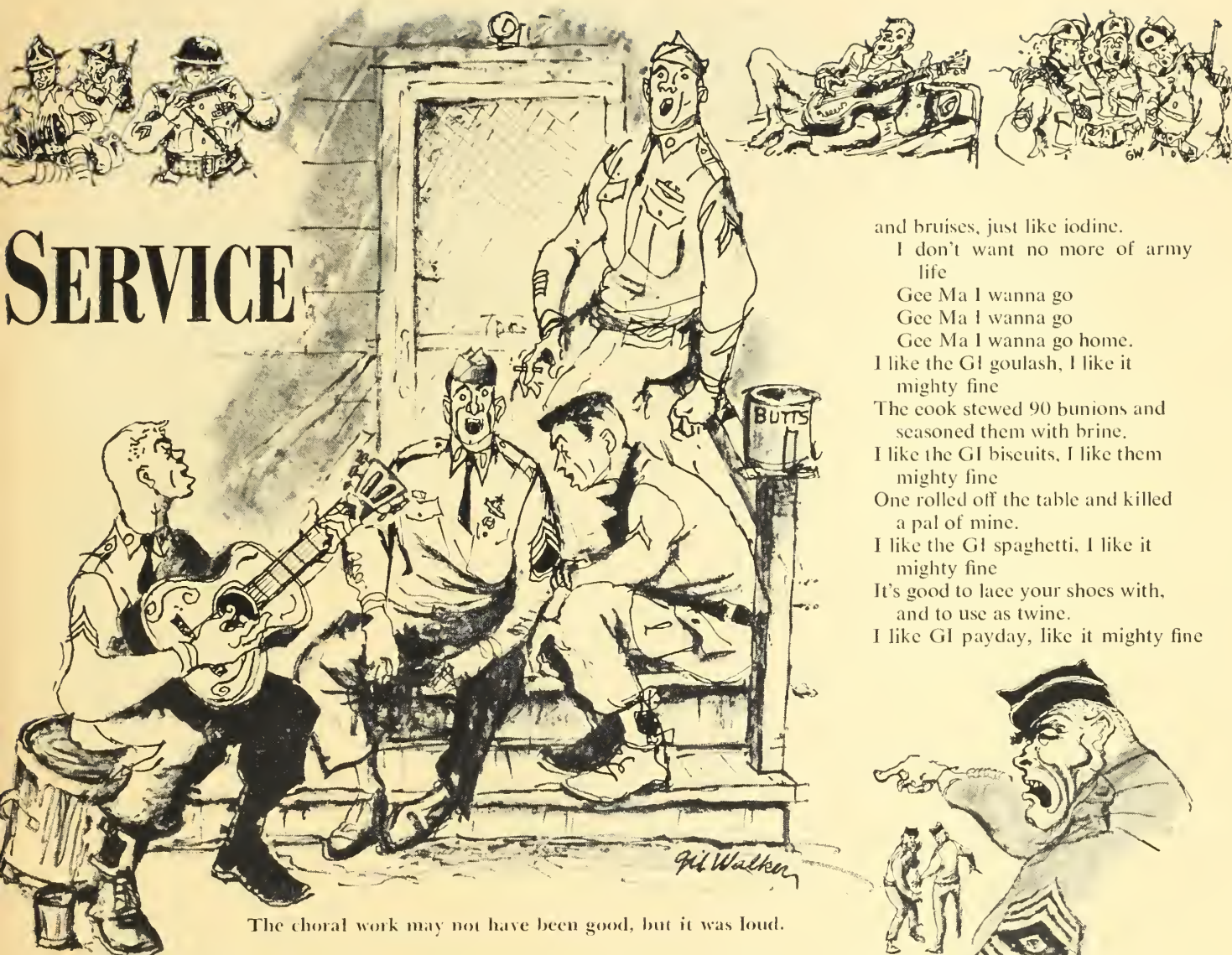
He sits in a tent
At the end of a street
And clutters the desk
With his oversized feet.

I do not like the sergeant's nose;
It would look better broken.
I do not like the tone of voice
When drill commands are spoken.



The doughboys sang—and still do—
about a young lady from Armentieres.

SERVICE



The choral work may not have been good, but it was loud.

ILLUSTRATED BY GIL WALKER

I do not like the sergeant's view
On army life and such,
But what I think about the sarge
Don't seem to matter much."

Since the sergeant is the highest ranking officer in the army, the top kick is the highest ranking sergeant.

"We all maintain, we always did
And like to shout it loud,
Like Hitler runs his Germany
The top kick runs his crowd."

The chain of command was always a source of pleasure to Joe. More buck passing went through channels than the whole Finance Department.

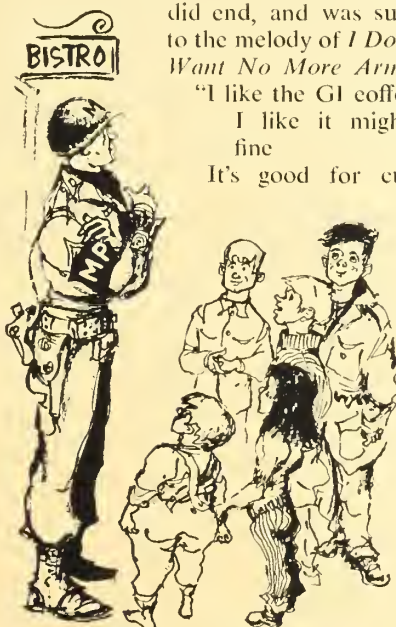
"The captain told the lieutenant
To polish up the floor.
The lieutenant told the sergeant
And, gee, but he got sore.
The sergeant told the corporal
Who got mad as he could be.
I've just talked to the corporal;
So I guess it's up to me."

The poor army cook probably got more than his share of attention. But then there usually was enough of him to go around for all. Probably the two

loneliest jobs in the army were the bugler and the army cook.

The following song probably never did end, and was sung to the melody of *I Don't Want No More Army*:

"I like the GI coffee,
I like it mighty fine
It's good for cuts



Ballads dealing with the MP's usually did not treat of their heroic qualities.

and bruises, just like iodine.

I don't want no more of army life

Gee Ma I wanna go

Gee Ma I wanna go

Gee Ma I wanna go home.

I like the GI goulash, I like it mighty fine

The cook stewed 90 bunions and seasoned them with brine.

I like the GI biscuits, I like them mighty fine

One rolled off the table and killed a pal of mine.

I like the GI spaghetti, I like it mighty fine

It's good to lace your shoes with, and to use as twine.

I like GI payday, like it mighty fine



This was the sergeant, as he was portrayed by GI lyric writers.

They pay you 50 dollars and doek you 49.

The GI shoes they give you, I like 'em mighty fine

You ask for number 7, they hand you number 9."

The author to those words of *Mess Call* is unknown. The call dates before World War I, but its appeal is timeless:

"Soupy, soupy, soupy, without a single bean.

Porky, porky, porky, without a streak of lean.

Coffee, coffee, coffee, the weakest ever seen."

A friend of mine told me that at supper in the mess hall one time even the toughest vets were having more than their usual trouble with the canned corned beef hash. Suddenly, without any noticeable signal, the troops in the mess hall rose to their feet and sang these words to the tune of *America*:

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National President
Mrs. Carl W. Zeller

First Lady of the Auxiliary

The National President looks for
new goals for Auxiliary services.

By IRVING HERSCHEIN

WHEN MRS. CARL W. (Leta) Zeller won unanimous election to the office of President of the American Legion Auxiliary at Los Angeles last September, it capped 36 years of hard and faithful service to the world's largest women's patriotic organization.

For the petite and dynamic Leta it was, as she said, "the highest compliment that could be paid any woman." A humble woman despite the many honors that have come her way, Ohio's number one Auxiliary viewed her election as a mandate to work for the National Organization as she had for her Unit and her Department.

In her acceptance speech Mrs. Zeller, speaking from her long experience at every level of Auxiliary activity, told the delegates to the 1956 Auxiliary Convention, "Where there are American Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units we have every right to inscribe in bold relief for all the world to see, the word *Service*."

This one word—service—has been Leta's philosophy not only in the Auxiliary but in her civic and personal life



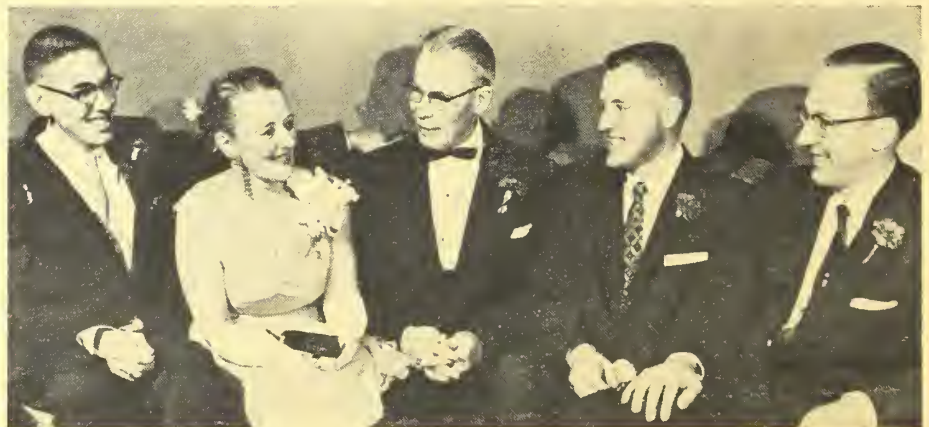
Mrs. Zeller—like most grandmothers—knows her own grandchildren, Kathy and John, are the best.



◀ The much-traveled President here picks out space on a plane.



A neglected hobby this busy year is her rose garden.



Left to right: Youngest son, David J.; Leta; husband, Carl; and older sons, James W. and John L. This masculine family has made Leta a hunter and fisherman.

as well. Since 1921, when her Auxiliary Unit was organized in Gibsonburg, Ohio, service to her community, State, and nation has been the guiding light of her life.

Leta views her year as National President as an opportunity to lead the Auxiliary to new service goals. She feels that the positive Americanism programs which have made the Auxiliary a vital force in every community can do the same on a National level.

Grassroots Americanism, as Leta calls it, is the Auxiliary's best answer to the un-American influence affecting our citizens and our country. She says, "The American Legion has since its beginning fought the subversive forces that have engulfed the world and now threaten us. The women of The American Legion can do their share in the fight by showing the positive benefits of America—the homes, schools, and

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WASHINGTON PRO & CON

Presenting both sides of big issues facing the nation

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT: **SHOULD WE REWRITE OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS?**

(PRO) Too much emotion and misunderstanding have surrounded the vital question of our immigration and nationality policy. It appears to me that if a clear picture were presented to the people of the United States, they would far better understand the need, the real need, that exists for changes in our present law.

Much of the argument of course, has raged around the national origin system embedded in the Act and which has existed prior to the present Act for many years. The national origin system is an anachronism. It does injury, not only internally, but to our relationships with foreign countries. The annual quota of 508 for the Greeks and an annual quota of over 65,000 allotted to Great Britain reveal the imbalances in our Act. It is certainly most unrealistic as well, since Great Britain at no time uses more than 20 percent of its quota and the remainder is wasted.

Our attempt to win friends and to gain the respect of foreign countries is frustrated by the people's knowledge of how our existing law discriminates against many of the countries. I am firmly convinced that a formula exists which would eliminate the national origin quota system from the statute books without doing violence to our self-interest.

Moreover, there exists in the law today unnecessary distinctions between native born and naturalized citizens. Such distinctions should be erased.

(D) M. C.

Emanuel Celler, member of Congress from 11th District, New York.

(CON) The attack against the Walter-McCarran Act is increasing in strength, resulting in a flood of legislation now before the Congress. This legislation, if enacted would increase our annual intake of immigrants to over half a million persons, would make it impossible to rid this country of even the most undesirable immigrant, or visitor, or illegal entrant, and would deprive the American people of the safeguard of our national economy, our political system, and our standards of life.

Our population is rising now with record-breaking speed. Four million babies will be born in the United States in 1957. By 1965, we will have at least 190 million people in this country.

The growth of our economy, magnificent as it is, fails to keep pace with this increase of our population. We lack schools, housing and capital to expand our industries so as to take care of our growing domestic demand.

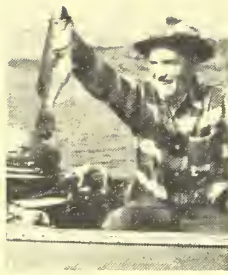
Under the Walter-McCarran Act which is being represented as having closed the doors to the United States, immigrants enter this country at an average annual rate of 220,000 people. To raise that number before attending to our needs in housing, highway construction, expansion of our school system, and protection for our already depleted natural resources, would be worse than folly. It could amount to national suicide.

The aim of the opponents of the Walter-McCarran Act is not to better its execution, but to destroy it. Thus, the real issue raised is clear — are we to have an immigration policy based on the needs and desires of unscrupulous politicians and selfish minority groups, or are we to have a policy which is based primarily on what is good for Americans? Personally, I have no difficulty in answering that question.

(D) M. C.

Francis E. Walter, member of Congress from 15th District, Pennsylvania.

The American Legion has gone on record "against efforts to emasculate the Act (McCarran-Walter)..."



ROD AND GUN CLUB



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

SMALL BOAT OWNERS not completely familiar with the Coast Guard requirements for safety might check on such things as lights, lifesaving devices, ventilation, horn or whistle, fire extinguishers, and registration numbers.

For example, one lifesaving device should be aboard for each person. For any boat up to 40 feet either a life preserver, buoyant seat cushion, ring buoy, or buoyant vest will do so long as it's approved by the Coast Guard. In addition to regulations relating to equipment there are rules concerning piloting and signaling. For detailed information write to The Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, 1300 E St., NW., Washington, D.C.



E. P. WEIDMAN, 9539 Sand Point Way, Seattle, Wash., says that he does a lot of surf fishing and has found that a screwdriver has been a great help. "I carry a medium screwdriver with a large handle," he advises, "and as soon as I land a fish I use the handle as a socko club to kill the fish before removing the hook. Saves cuts on the hands. If the fish has swallowed the hook, I just insert the metal end to disgorge the hook."

FRANK BLONDE, 7858 Wedford Ave., Whittier, Calif., tells us that he keeps a little aluminum foil in his tackle box. "When making up leaders," he says, "I wrap a little foil around each hook. It saves time and bad tempers, especially since it seems that hooks snag on everything. I leave the foil right on the hooks until I am ready to bait up. And when I am through fishing, I rewrap the hook before putting it in the tackle box. Simple, but effective."

SYLVESTER E. McKEE, R. 1, Box 693, Burlington, Wis., tells us that he discovered that Lipton soup packages make nifty drinking cups when empty. "They're foil-lined," he says, "and I slip three or four in my fishing jacket when I go out. Nicest item I ever saw for dunking in a cold mountain spring to quench a fisherman's thirst."

WILLIAM HIRBERNIK, 9039 Myron Road, Rivera, Calif., comes up with a new use for margarine: "If you want your fishing worms to be big, fat, and sassy," he says, "simply put a cube of margarine in the worm box along with some used coffee grounds. For my worm bin I have the tub portion of my wife's old washing machine. It will not rust when I water my worms, and it has a lid to protect them from the sun and weather. Right now my worms are about the size of a lead pencil, are as active as cat-chased mice and very healthy."

CASWELL TARGET CARRIERS for indoor rifle and pistol ranges are again available. Contractors, architects, and shooters should write to Arthur D. Caswell at P.O. Box 344, Anoka, Minn., for full particulars.

FACED WITH THE serious deer overpopulation problem, Wyoming is leading the way in offering a two-deer license for its 1957 season. The resident hunter pays only a dollar more to get the other deer, and the game officials think that it may be one effective way to thin out deer that have increased beyond the carrying capacity of their ranges. This problem of inadequate range and food for our steadily advancing deer population is nationwide. New laws are needed. Wyoming is making sense.

PROBABLY NOT NEW to all, but worth listing are two fishing facts from Richard Spinola, 178 Meadow St., Pittsburgh, Pa.: "If you have a loose ferrule while out on a stream, you can tighten it instantly by holding it over a lighted match." And, "After every trip afield, your rod should be wiped off with an oily cloth to prevent corrosion of the metal parts. Your fishing rod demands the same care as your gun and can rust almost as quickly."

JUST USED a lure called the "Slo-Poke," which I bought in spinning size in 3/16 ounce for \$1.25, from the Barbee Bait Co., Farmer's Trust Bldg., Fort Wayne, Ind., and it is a weedless wonder. It is a popper without weed guards, but has a unique cam action of the hooks. It's the only weedless popper that I've ever seen without self-protecting hooks. I found that it swam like a mouse over everything from lily pads to spatter docks without a single snag.

CALIFORNIA'S LICENSED sportsmen spent \$487,000,000 to hunt and fish in 1955, the California Department of Fish and Game has announced.

By a 4 to 1 margin this amount overshadows the combined expenditures of all Californians for admission to all sporting events including professional, collegiate, and high school football, baseball, and basketball as well as movies, plays, and concerts.

These are the results of a survey recently conducted by the department in an attempt to learn comprehensive facts on the economic value of hunting and fishing in California.



GOOD NEWS for fishermen who are motorboat owners or manufacturers: Aquatic biologist John E. Tilton, of Texas, in observations in Lake Travis, using the skin diving technique of observing the fish in its own element, recently had this to offer: "A ten-horsepower outboard motor is used frequently in the diving areas while operations are in progress. No difference in numbers of fish or general activity can be seen during periods of extensive use of the motor and periods when the motor is not in use. On one occasion the boat was run at full speed back and forth over the test area. The fish in the location completely ignored the motor noise and continued normal activities. The fish also ignored common surface sounds such as movement in the boat, talking by helpers on the surface, and even low flying jet aircraft. . . ." This should settle the old argument that the buzz of motorboating is destroying fishing.

LISTS OF New York State conservation law violations are coming in. Still a distressing number are for carrying loaded firearms in automobiles. When will hunters learn? An item in the list that caught our eye was a fine of \$502.50 for taking doe deer in closed season. There were several fines for \$202.50 for taking deer by aid of artificial light. Some hunters were fined for not having licenses.

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A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

MONTANA OKAYS KOREA BONUS; REOPENS WW2 BONUS:

The Montana Legislative Assembly has OK'd payment of a bonus to Montana vets of Korea-period service and re-opened the application period for its WW2 bonus. . . . Korean service must have been during period between June 25, 1950 and Oct. 16, 1953. . . . Rate is figured at \$10 a month for duty outside the Korean war theater, \$15 a month for service in the war theater. . . . Bona fide residence in Montana at time of entering service is required. . . . Payment will be delayed several months while machinery for processing claims is set up. . . . Three years after payment begins is allowed for filing claims.

Eligibles now living in Montana may get application forms from County Clerk and Recorder when forms are ready. . . . Eligibles no longer in Montana should send name and present address to Adjusted Compensation Division, P.O. Box 612, Helena, Montana, and keep that office advised of further changes of address. . . . Applications will be mailed them when ready.

The WW2 Montana bonus filing period was reopened and extended to midnight of Dec. 31, this year. . . . Previous deadline expired at the end of 1953. . . . WW2 applications are now available at the address given above.

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LOUISIANA PAYING BONUS FOR WORLD WAR ONE AND EARLIER SERVICE:

Louisiana is paying a state bonus for service in World War One, the Spanish American War, Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection. . . . Bonus is payable not only to those who were residents of Louisiana when going into such service, but also to such vets who have been continuous residents of Louisiana for ten consecutive years immediately prior to Dec. 11, 1956.

Payments also available to widows, children, or parents of deceased vets of such service under certain conditions, if deceased vet met above residence requirements or if, having died before Dec. 11, 1956, he lived in Louisiana for the ten years preceding his death. . . . As further conditions are necessarily complex, potential eligibles should contact Bonus Administrator, WW1 Bonus Division, Room 306, Old State Capitol Bldg., Baton Rouge, La. . . . Last date for applying is Jan. 1, 1959.

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DISABLED SHOULD FILE BEFORE JUNE 30 FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY FREEZE:

Persons so disabled that they aren't substantially gainfully employed should apply at their Social Security office for a disability freeze before June 30, if they had at least five years in

work covered by Social Security before being incapacitated. . . . Service in WW2 or the Korea War count toward the five years' coverage. . . . Some may lose future Social Security benefits for themselves and their families entirely if they are now eligible for a disability freeze but don't apply before June 30. . . . Others may suffer reduced future benefits.

Not all of those who apply will get a freeze. . . . But "Newsletter," having read the full, confusing details, believes that all those who fit the above description should apply for a freeze before June 30 as a matter of form, as the best way to protect their benefits, even though some who take this advice will not meet the full requirements for a freeze upon application.

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ABOUT 6,000 WWII VETS DUE FOR REFUNDS AS SUPREME COURT SETTLES LONG-STANDING SOLDIERS & SAILORS RELIEF ACT QUESTION:

Supreme Court, in January, finally settled long drawn out question of the right of VA to compel vets to repay sums advanced to them while in service under the Soldiers & Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940. . . . Relief sums were advanced to men then in service to pay premiums on private insurance policies where service pay was insufficient to maintain insurance they had taken out as pre-war civilians.

High court in January found that vets who got such relief under the Act of 1940 are not required to repay the Veterans Administration. . . . The Act of 1940 did not state that vets must repay, and Court found them not obliged to do so. . . . Decision does not apply to vets who got such relief under the Act as amended in October, 1942. . . . The 1942 amendment did specify that relief funds must be repaid.

Court further found that all the affected vets who repaid the VA, or who had repayment withheld from them by the VA from GI insurance dividends or other benefits, are entitled to refunds.

Veterans Administration had held that vets owed the money back, had collected repayment from many vets, instituted suits against others, and withheld repayment from benefits and insurance dividends due other vets. . . . About 6,000 vets have paid--or have had withheld from them--a total sum in the neighborhood of \$1.8 million, most of it deducted from 1948 NSLI insurance dividends.

American Legion Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission advises all such vets to write VA claiming refund. . . . Claim for refund should be sent to Veterans Administration, Washington Insurance Center, Washington 25, D.C. (Continued next page)

Letter should contain full identifying information, including service number, branch of service, dates of active service, the approximate time at which payment was made or seized by the gov't, the approximate amount, and the insurance policy number if payment was withheld from dividends.

Court decision followed several lower court findings in a number of suits instituted by veterans on this question, in which vets lost more than they won in lower courts. . . . Specific case heard by Supreme Court was that of Paul Plesha and others vs. the U.S. . . . Plesha, a California vet, was represented by the legal firm of White, Harber and Shei, of Sacramento. . . . Plesha's attorneys were informally assisted by the New York firm of Tonnelé and Bedford. . . . Latter firm had been ready to go to Supreme Court for its vet clients, Herman Hormel, Jr., of N.Y. and Charles H. Stilson, Jr., of N.J., having won for them in a lower court, when the Supreme Court agreed to hear the Plesha case.

Still hanging fire are VA determination of details of the reimbursement, and an additional suit in the District of Columbia to determine how legal costs will be paid. . . . Plesha, Hormel, Stilson and their attorneys spent vastly more in settling the issue than the refunds due the specific plaintiffs.

BEST BREAK IN CHOOSING NEW SURVIVOR BENEFITS DEPENDS ON FILING BY JULY 1:

Veterans' survivors, in receipt of compensation, who have been asked by the VA to choose whether to receive the new benefits provided under Public Law 881, or to continue to receive compensation at the old rate, are reminded that if they get a better break under PL881 they stand to lose some of the advantage unless they make the choice before July 1.

Survivors were advised on these pages not to choose hurriedly when first offered a choice of benefits last fall. . . . However, where it is clear that a survivor would gain by choosing the new benefits, the choice should now be made. . . . Where the choice is made before July 1, payment of the improved benefits will be made retroactive to last Jan. 1. . . . Where the choice is made after July 1, no retroactive payment will be made.

Where there is doubt as to the advantage of choosing the new benefits, survivors should make every effort, through VA or Legion service officer counsel, to settle the question before July 1, to get the best break if the new benefit turns out to be advisable.

Most widows will do better under the new benefits, as the minimum monthly benefit is in excess of \$122 a month, and goes up according to the military pay grade of the deceased husband. . . . To date, two widows in five have not indicated a choice, according to a Legion survey.

Most dependent parents will do better to stay with the older benefits. . . . However, all survivors should get the best counsel possible before choosing. . . . To protect those who choose the new benefits when it would not be to their advantage to do so, the VA is carefully reviewing each choice, and

advising those who, in the VA's judgment, have chosen wrongly, before the choice is made irrevocable.

Survivors affected are only those widows, children and dependent parents of veterans who were eligible, before last Jan. 1, to receive compensation for the death of a veteran or serviceman resulting from service-connected causes. . . . Those in receipt of pension (for death not service-connected) are not involved.

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ARMY PUBLISHES HISTORY OF PAPUAN CAMPAIGN:

Latest to be published in the Army's immense series of histories of WW2 is "Victory in Papua." . . . It is a detailed history of the early campaigns in eastern New Guinea to save Port Moresby and thus Australia, whose hard earned success won the first stepping stone back to the Philippines.

Most memorable fighting covered is that at Milne Bay, the Kokoda Trail in the Owen Stanley Mountains, and last but not least, the frightful struggle in dense jungle and deep swamp of ill-equipped and green Allied troops for Buna-Gona and Sanananda.

Latter battle not only memorable for dearly learned lessons in jungle fighting, with Michigan and Wisconsin Nat'l Guardsmen and selectees of the 32nd Div as chief guinea pigs, but also for the controversial relief of Maj. Gen. Edwin F. Harding of the 32nd Div by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, Cmdr of I Corps. . . . Probably no U.S. division ever went into more difficult action more poorly prepared or supplied for it than the hapless Red Arrow Division did at Buna. . . . It was at Buna, too, that Legion Past Nat'l Cmdr Hanford MacNider, then Cmdr of the 128th Infantry, was temporarily knocked out of action by a Jap rifle grenade.

As usual, this excellent Army history gets right down to day-by-day company and platoon actions when describing the tough fighting. . . . "Victory in Papua," 409 pages with excellent photos and maps, prepared by Samuel Milner, available from Sup't of Documents, U.S. Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. . . . \$6.00.

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HAVE THAT SERVICEMAN CHECK HIS INSURANCE:

Many men now in military service had Nat'l Service Life Insurance, when they went into service, on which they paid the premiums. . . . In 1951 the gov't made it possible for them to keep the policies, without paying any of the premiums on term insurance (or part of the premiums on permanent insurance) while in service, and about 680,000 men now in service are carrying NSLI on that basis.

Because of recent new laws it is important at this time that such men review their insurance with their insurance or personnel officers to determine whether it is still wise for them to continue to accept the government waiver. . . . Many will find that the best protection for their families will dictate that they now pay the premiums themselves, as certain excellent new benefits for their families would not be available should the serviceman die while the government was paying his premiums.

NEWS of The American Legion

and Veterans' Affairs

MAY 1957

Programs, Lawmakers Keep Legion Busy on Many Fronts

March and early April, as always, provided busy, news-producing days in 1957. The American Legion and other national organizations were planning and working at their many programs under a full head of steam, while State and nat'l legislatures were busy processing, drafting, amending or burying the annual spate of bills, and gov't agencies were issuing a stream of rules, regulations, reminders, deadlines and opinions.

Herewith a summary of many late-winter events on all fronts, not covered in detail elsewhere on these pages, which for one reason or another are of interest to, or directly concern, The American Legion and war veterans in general.

Compensation

In the Congress, the House Veterans Affairs Committee had favorably reported out HR52, Legion-supported bill for long-needed increases in *compensation* for veterans with service-connected disabilities. From there the bill went to the House Rules Committee, where, in late March, it was darkly rumored that it might be held from the House floor on the grounds that it was "inflationary." As April rolled in, Legion Legislative Commission was endeavoring, with some optimism, to have the bill brought out to the floor.

Pensions

Meanwhile, the Legion's bill to improve *pensions* for World War I veterans over 65 (HR4221) slept as soundly as a hibernating bear in the House Veterans Committee, with no indication that the Committee intended to hold hearings on it.

Housing

Late in March, the House considered what to do about the shortage of funds for GI-loan housing; adopted a nebulous bill to increase direct gov't housing loans to vets in rural areas; ruled out, on a point of order, adjusting the GI loan interest rate to attract more lenders. The House Banking and Currency Committee was still to be heard from on this question, and the Administration took a step to ease the housing crisis by softening the down-payment requirements for FHA loans. Housing

experts looked on every step taken so far as insufficient, predicted a crisis in home buying generally that would call for more realistic action, while talebearers said many Congressmen were keeping fingers crossed in hope that housing crisis would ease off "naturally."

Social Security

On March 21, the House Ways and Means Committee okayed an amendment to HR6191, a Social Security bill, to bring an end to subtracting veterans benefits from Social Security disability benefits — a deduction authorized last year which has brought a host of objections from many quarters, including the Legion. The Committee action in March bids fair to assure passage of this correction by the House at least.

Peacetime Benefits

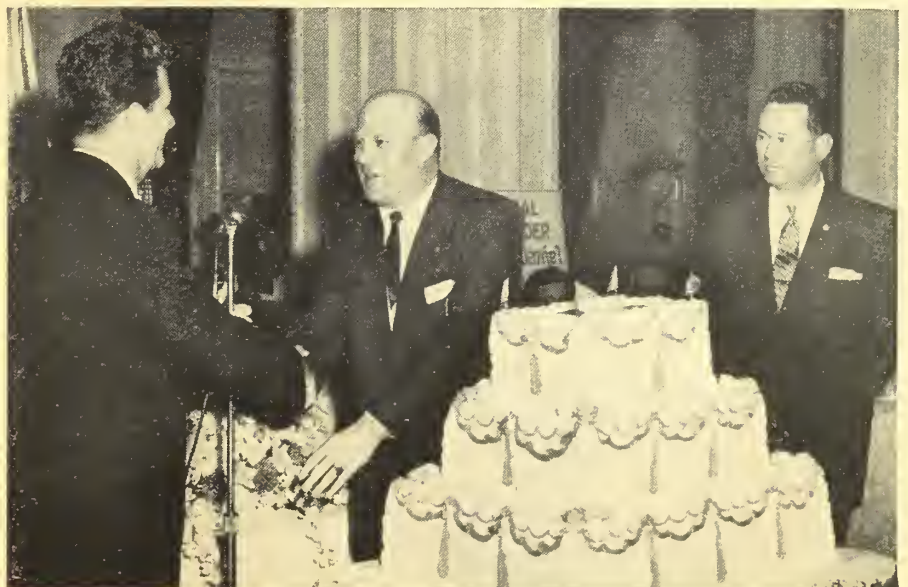
Great resistance from government agencies developed in March against a proposal put forth by several members of Congress to extend some GI Bill benefits to modern peacetime servicemen. Veterans Administration and the Defense Dep't both came out against it. The Legion neither sponsors nor op-

poses such benefits as part of its rehabilitation program, preferring to concern itself chiefly with benefits, as such, for wartime veterans. But since the proposal concerns the morale and recruitment of peacetime servicemen, and thus our nat'l defense, the Legion's Nat'l Security Commission may recommend a position.

VA Budget

The VA budget was being nicked again in early appropriations planning in the House in March, with a notable revival of efforts to cut back hospital care, in particular, via the budget. Drive is on, apparently at the behest of the Budget Bureau, to close out specialized VA hospital beds that become vacant, rather than readapt them to changing demands. VA's great work in caring for TB patients has emptied many TB beds. In the meantime other shifts in medical needs of veterans eligible for VA care have increased the demand for space in other categories. Readaptation of old TB space is being staunchly opposed in a new economy drive to whittle down the daily ease-load, making the emptied TB beds "unavailable." Appropriations for previously authorized VA hospital construction work is also being slashed, preventing carrying out once-approved plans. The VA insurance budget, where work load is practically unchanged and

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S 38TH BIRTHDAY



NAT'L CMDR DAN DANIEL (left) got a 125 lb. American Legion birthday cake on March 16 from B. C. Jones (right) of Post 31, Hampton, Va., and promptly gave it to the vets at Kecoughtan (Va.) VA Center via VA manager Reuben Cohen (center). Nat'l Legion 38th birthday observance occurred at Dep't conference at Old Point Comfort, Va.

annual budget has been cut nearly in half, is also under the axe. Legion witnesses were scheduled to testify strongly in behalf of continued realistic VA budget for 1958 before the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 12.

GI Justice

Legion efforts to bring about the repeal of the Status of Forces Treaty, whereby U.S. servicemen on duty abroad are placed under the jurisdiction of foreign courts for civil offenses took a new turn in March, when Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel asked Legion Dep't Cmdrs to request State legislatures to memorialize Congress to preserve the Constitutional rights of U.S. servicemen sent abroad for duty.

Oratorical Contest

Maine Legion leaders readied themselves to play host to the finals of the Legion's 20th Annual Nat'l Oratorical Contest at Waterville, Maine, on April 11, in which four high school finalists, delivering orations on the Constitution of the United States, would win thousands of dollars in scholarships. Maine Adj't Jim Boyle announced that Maine's Legionnaire Governor Edmund S. Muskie would be one of the judges. Semi-finals in the nat'l contest, whose first round involved upwards of 300,000 youngsters in orations on the Constitution, had been held earlier in April at Waterbury, Conn.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Joliet, Ill. and Lodi, Calif.

Polio

In March, The American Legion joined with the American Medical Ass'n, the March of Dimes, the Veterans Administration and other organizations and agencies in urging that all Americans under 40 voluntarily receive a series of three Salk vaccine shots against polio.

Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel called on all 49 continental Dep'ts of The American Legion to make support of adult inoculation against polio their outstanding community service project of 1957.

Polio serum was plentiful in some areas, although it was temporarily in short supply in others.

Some facts: Following two years of vaccinating youngsters, there was less than half as much polio in the U.S. than would normally be expected, last year. Of 15,400 persons afflicted, most were unvaccinated, with a significant number in all age groups up to age 40.

73% of the population is unvaccinated, including 59% of those under 40.

In preventing paralytic polio, one shot appears to be about 60% effective, a full series of three shots is about 75% effective.

Salk vaccine seems to work in two stages. It prevents polio entirely in a

large number of people. In some it does not prevent polio, but in most of those it prevents paralysis, if they are afflicted. Polio without paralysis is not a serious disease. A relatively small number of vaccinated people have contracted paralytic polio.

With the entire population vaccinated, there is every reason to believe that paralytic polio would become a very rare disease.

To date, those persons first immunized continue to have full immunity.

WWII REPARATIONS:

Give Them Back?

As these words were being readied for press, April 4, a Senate Judiciary subcommittee was set to hold hearings on several important bills dealing with German and Japanese assets seized by the U.S. during WW2, of which about \$300 million remain after settling various war damage claims of individuals and corporations.

The different bills run counter to each other, some calling for a return of the balance of the assets to their pre-war owners, and another calling for use of the income from the assets to provide scientific scholarships for American youth.

Basic "return the property" bill is Senate Bill 600, introduced by Sen. Olin D. Johnston (S.C.) who is chairman of the Trading With the Enemy subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is handling all the bills on this subject. A similar bill is S1302, introduced by Sen. Milton R. Young (N. Dak.)

The counterproposal, to keep the assets and spend their annual income on scholarships was introduced by Sen. George A. Smathers (Fla.)

A fourth bill, aimed to help return the assets, is S1639, introduced by Senators Johnston and Everett Dirksen (Ill.) It proposes to stop the Office of the Alien Property Custodian from selling off the stock of General Aniline and Film Corp., one of the principal assets, formerly part of a German cartel, now run as a corporation by the gov't and estimated to be worth about \$100 million.

Gov't attempts to liquidate General Aniline by selling its stock to private investors had been blocked until this March by delaying lawsuits, instigated presumably by private German interests operating through Swiss media, which have expended considerable sums in the U.S. for several years in attempts to regain the assets by lawsuit and by influencing legislation.

A court action early this winter finally cleared the way for the gov't to dis-

pose of General Aniline to private buyers.

By agreement with the former enemy nations following WW2, the seized assets were to be kept by the U.S. as its sole claim for reparations growing out of that war. Germany further agreed to compensate her nationals for their private losses involved in the passage of title of assets to the U.S. In the meantime, General Aniline has increased in value under American management.

The American Legion, having several policies relevant to the issue, was preparing to testify at the early April hearings. Pertinent Legion policies agree in principle with Sen. Smathers bill, both as to finding Federal sums to implement the scientific training of capable young Americans, and as being opposed to the return of the assets which have already been converted from seized enemy property into acknowledged war reparations.

The Smathers Bill provides that scholarships would go to the children of veterans. The Legion policy on scientific scholarships, excusably partial as the Legion is to the children of veterans, would favor Smathers' proposal even without this provision.

The Smathers Bill has also been widely hailed by those most acutely aware of the shortage of trained younger scientists in the U.S., relative to national needs.

Smathers' Bill faces a tough political hurdle in that Senators Johnston and Dirksen, both influential members of the committee handling the subject, strongly favor return of the assets.

Comparable bills in the House have been referred to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, where no hearings had been scheduled.

THE LEGION AT WORK:

Who's Insured?

One of a series of thumbnail sketches of little-known daily activities of The American Legion.

The ways in which American Legion service officers help veterans and their dependents in claims with the Veterans Administration are as varied and complex as the ways in which doctors, lawyers and detectives serve their clients.

While thousands of veterans' claims are routine, almost any claim can become surprisingly and unpredictably complex. Too many do.

This is best illustrated by the type of case that seems routine, becomes complex, and is won only after great difficulty.

Two insurance cases will show a small part of the picture.

A California veteran of WW2 was

seized with a heart attack at work and died in four days. To his survivors' surprise, it then developed that he had missed his last two GI term insurance premiums, and his policy had lapsed.

Why he had failed to make the last payments will never be known, but the Veterans Administration records showed no payment made.

This veteran, whom we will call Doe, had a long history of heart disease before his fatal attack.

If he had been disabled by his chronic heart disease before failing to pay the final premium, he would have been entitled to "waiver of premium." Under the terms of the policy, the government would have paid the premium. The policy would have been in force at his death.

But the record showed that Doe had been employed for years. He was at work when struck by the final attack. This employment tended to knock out any chance of claiming a "waiver of premium" due to disability, in spite of Doe's long history of heart disease.

Chuck Mattingly, a WW2 Legionnaire handling the case in the Legion's Washington office, saw that the widow would get nothing if the insurance benefit were applied for on the basis of the information in hand. (Because of special circumstances, Doe's case was handled first by the Legion Washington office. Normally it would have come through California Legion channels.)

Mattingly held up the widow's insurance claim while, without firm knowledge of the facts, he *hypothesized the only basis on which the policy might still be good.*

He wrote Charlie Farrington, California Legion Department Service Officer, and asked him to look into the late Doe's employment. Had Doe actually been working as an able-bodied worker, or had he been working in "sheltered employment"?

It took Farrington and his staff three months to put together the evidence in California, checking with Doe's doctors, employers and fellow workers. Their statements unanimously showed that Doe had in fact been seriously disabled for years; that he was not able to compete in the job market. He had been given "sheltered employment" in which both his boss and co-workers had protected him from normal job duties that would have strained his heart.

Mattingly's shot-in-the-dark, backed up by Farrington's research 3,000 miles away, came up with the only basis on which the insurance could have been paid. The condition of sheltered employment and serious disability, as demonstrated, did meet the requirements for "waiver of premium," and the proceeds of the "lapsed" policy became payable.

In a New York case the widow of a WW2 vet, who also died of heart disease, filed for her husband's NSLI insurance benefits, only to be informed out of the blue that the government was contesting the policy, claiming fraud.

Jones, as we will call the deceased veteran in this case, had once dropped his GI insurance. Later he had reinstated it. To reinstate it he had deposed that his health was comparable to what it had been before he had dropped the insurance earlier, and that he had not had medical care in the meantime.

On Jones' death, the Veterans Administration noted that he had long suffered from rheumatic heart disease and that this had caused his death. Furthermore, Jones had also been to his doctor for medical checkups during the period when he said he had received no medical care.

This was fraud, said VA. It would not have reinstated the policy had it been put on notice of his disability, VA declared. The benefits were not payable to the widow.

Mattingly got this one too, sent up to Washington from Jones' Post service officer through normal Legion service channels.

Mattingly noted that in Jones' mind probably no fraud had been intended. Jones was a sick man when he reinstated his insurance, but no sicker than when he had dropped it earlier. His health wasn't good, but it was comparable. He had gone to his doctor for voluntary medical checkups, not because

he was in need of immediate attention.

Yet, even if fraud were not intended, Mattingly admitted to himself that the Veterans Administration had a strong technical point.

Jones did not seem to have put the VA on notice of his disabled condition when he asked for reinstatement of his insurance—except for one point which Mattingly now noticed.

Jones *had* advised the VA that he had been discharged from service for disability.

Mattingly might have argued this point with the VA, but somewhere in his memory lurked something more solid than mere argument—something somewhere in the mountains of VA regulations, memoranda, decisions and instructions that Mattingly had read.

In the interest of Jones' widow, Mattingly started doing some homework. He reviewed hundreds of VA insurance instructions, decisions and regulations and after long hours of research came up with the missing link in the Jones case.

The VA had ruled, in a little-noted memorandum years before, that if a veteran—reinstating his insurance—advises the VA that he has gotten a discharge for disability, this constitutes proper notice to the VA of a disability for which the VA may refuse to reinstate an insurance policy, and—if it is reinstated with such notice—the policy is incontestable.

When Mattingly produced this miss-



HENRY J. KAISER (center) gets official American and Hawaiian flags for his much publicized aluminum auditorium in Hawaii from Hawaiian Legionnaires, in ceremony headed by Hawaii American Legion Dep't Cmdr Wallace C. S. Young (holding U.S. flag).

ing link the government reversed itself, ruled that Jones' insurance was incontestable, that VA error rather than Jones' fraud had led to the reinstatement of the insurance. Jones' widow was paid the benefits, which made the difference between her having to go to work or being able to stay home and raise her two small children.

Without the special knowledge, dedication and zeal for research of interested Legion service workers in their own States and in Washington, it is doubtful that either Mrs. Doe or Mrs. Jones would have realized their lost husband's GI insurance benefits.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS:

Recently retired U. S. Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed was honored by Post 13, Maysville, Ky., with a life membership.

The award by his hometown Post was made by Post Cmdr Wayne McDonald during dedication ceremonies at the county courthouse.

Among the dignitaries present were Justice Reed's former court colleagues, Chief Justice Warren, Justice Tom Clark and former Justice Sherman Minton all of whom are Legionnaires.

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States.

Nile G. Porter (1953), Post 21, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Montie A. Rucker (1953) and **Donald H. Le Clere** (1955), Post 44, Monrovia, Calif.

Alexander Kaiser, Jr. (1955), Post 223, Maywood, Calif.

Dee R. Woodward and **William M. Simpson** (both 1953), Post 392, Sacramento, Calif.

Dewey M. Wells (1952) and **Theodore H. Zimmerman** and **Lynn P. Chuning** (both 1955), Post 481, Fillmore, Calif.

Creston L. Jensen (1956), Post 657, Klamath, Calif.

Arthur Ferrari (1956), Post 668, Ballico, Calif.

Scott O. Early and **Otis W. Wade** (both 1956), Post 142, Hartford, Conn.

William S. Blessing and **Charles R. Croghan** and **William E. Richardson** and **Arthur H. Shaffer** (all 1953), Post 40, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Earl G. McMillen (1956), Post 125, Gulfport, Fla.

John J. Hayes (1956), Post 220, Chicago, Ill.

Harley D. Holm and **Dr. L. A. Platts** (both 1953), Post 247, Park Ridge, Ill.

William J. Soske (1944) and **Paul J. Coler** (1945) and **Arthur Thompson** (1946) and **Joseph J. Horak** (1948), Post 422, Berwyn, Ill.

Jacob St. Clair (1950), Post 466, Indianapolis, Ind.

John Kratz and **William Liersenmann** and **Vincent J. Pirano** and **Gorman L. Schaible** (all 1955), Post 4, Baltimore, Md.

George H. Simmons (1956), Post 16, Boston, Mass.

Gabriel T. Olga (1955), Post 30, East Boston, Mass.

Edbert M. Crockett (1955), Post 59, Milford, Mass.

William J. Keville (1944) and **Fred C. Leonard** (1952), Post 165, Belmont, Mass.

William Eddy (1953) and **James McQuown** (1954) and **Herb Lear** and **Marsh Phelan** (both 1955), Post 21, Stambaugh, Mich.

Thomas A. Sigworth (1955), Post 111, Wayne, Mich.

L. J. Willett (1953), Post 130, Jackson, Minn.

Ben C. Hoyal (1956), Post 162, Lemay, Mo.

John A. Phillips (1955), Post 73, Sweetgrass, Mont.

E. H. McCarthy (1952), Post 331, South Omaha, Nebr.

J. Edward Fadde (1952), Post 22, West Orange, N. J.

Dr. J. Iredell Wyckoff (1955), Post 68, Merchantsville, N. J.

Eric Kautz (1956), Post 94, Clementon, N. J.

Henry A. Smith (1955) and **Wade E. Goswell** (1956), Post 135, Gloucester City, N. J.

Charles Ziegler and **John P. McCarthy** and **Howard E. Bonitz** and **Arthur J. Stelljes** (all 1954), Post 104, Glendale, N. Y.

Ralph D. Still (1955), Post 199, Spring Valley, N. Y.

Elmer Smith and **George T. Dreimiller** (both 1956), Post 224, Ticonderoga, N. Y.

James C. Murphy (1956), Post 293, Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

Frank Taroney (1948) and **George J. Ruhey** (1949) and **Joseph D. Eisenbrown** (1950) and **Dr. Thomas H. Ford** (1951), Post 12, Reading, Pa.

Owen A. Johnson and **Fred C. Johnson** and **James M. Woerner** and **Dallice D. Sellers** (all 1955), Post 36, Jersey Shore, Pa.

James King (1952) and **Alvin J. Herr** (1954), Post 166, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles Rood (1951), Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.

Dr. G. J. Flanagan (1956), Post 41, Kaukauna, Wis.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N. Y. Date of award is requested in all cases.

UNCLAIMED MONEY, VII:

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The persons named below have at least \$100 coming to them from the Army.

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Albert, Harlyn C., Huttsford, Wisc.

Aldrich, Marion A., Pocatello, Idaho.

Aldrich, J. B., Huntington, N. Y.

Anderson, Gaylord H., Tulsa, Tex.

Ayala, Joseph M., New York, N. Y.

Brewer, James, New Orleans, La.

Coble, John C., Los Angeles, Calif.

Colon, Ramon L. Dominguez, Vega Baja, P.R.

Covert, Earl W., Flint, Mich.

Davis, Arthur T., Littlewater, N. Mex.

Davis, Bobbie L., Whitville, Tenn.

Edwards, James D., Baton Rouge, La.

Ellison, L. A., Avon Oak, Ga.

Felty, John Jr., Detroit, Mich.

Garrette, Ann R., San Antonio, Tex.

Geary, Charles H., Evansville, Ind.

Hall, Orbie W., Houston, Tex.

Hammer, James G., San Francisco, Calif.

Jackman, George E., Hollowell, Maine

Jacobs, Edward J., Baltimore, Md.

Klatt, Jesse V., Arlington, Wash.

Knight, Arthur K., Caffeyville, Kans.

Lee, Mrs. Mary M., Cleveland, Ohio

Logan, Allan B., Washington, D. C.

Martell, Wallace W., Barre, Vt.

McDowell, Edward F., Camden, N. J.

Nelson, Mrs. Alice M., Londonberry, N. H.

Netherton, Ray E., Aurora, Colo.

Nemmann, Frederick F., Hartford, Conn.

Welker, Richard F., Kankakee, Ill.

EUROPEAN PILGRIMAGE:

Booming

In mid-March The American Express Co. completed publication of a brochure of the European tours which will make up the huge American Legion Pilgrimage for Peace to Europe next September. By April 1 copies had been mailed to a huge backlog of Legion and

Auxiliary members who had been inquiring for full details since December, as well as to all offices of the company.

By then queries involving nearly 7,000 interested Legionnaires had been processed and more were arriving every day. To handle the huge project, the express company set up a special office in New York with an 11 man staff.

Pilgrimage begins immediately following the Nat'l Convention, with ship sailings from New York Sept. 17-20, and plane flights as late as Sept. 26.

While the Pilgrimage, 4th in Legion history, offers a wide choice of places to visit in Europe, the entire group will be in Paris from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

RECENT POST DOINGS:

THE LEGION BIRTHDAY cake of Post 142, Fredericksburg, Va., was cut by Miss Susie Bundy and Mrs. Nateline Peates, sisters of deceased WW1 veterans who are two of the three men for whom the Post was named.

POST 20, Baltimore, Md., learned that veterans at the VA hospital in Baltimore were desirous of receiving another copy of *Our Navy* magazine, then provided a one-year subscription to the magazine for the hospital library.

POST 13, Lewiston, Idaho, has won the Distinguished Service Award for Americanism for 19 consecutive years. Every year that the Post has maintained an American Legion Junior Baseball team, the team has either won the State championship or has been runner-up (team was runner-up twice). Post is largest in Department of Idaho.

POST 243, Lynn, Mass., composed of women, gave 12 framed scrolls bearing Pledge of Allegiance—one for each room—to the Aborn School.

POST 1089, New Hyde Park, N. Y., requested that United States Week be observed in that community. The village Board of Trustees and the local school board agreed with the idea, and United States Week became a reality in New Hyde Park. H. J. Res. 223 has been introduced in the House of Representatives to provide that the week beginning Oct. 19 each year be set aside as United States Week "as a means of instilling in the youth of our Nation a deeper appreciation of the magnificent heritage of the United States, and to stimulate a greater interest in the study of the history and traditions of the United States."

POST 177, Dawson, Minn., gave \$500 to a local drive to raise funds to improve Dawson Community Hospital.

POST AND UNIT 361, Detroit, Mich., wound up a successful year in the field of Americanism with a Post and Unit panel discussion on the topic "Education and Americanism in a Changing

World." During the past year they presented 52 Legion school awards to Detroit schools; donated 101 full-size flags to classrooms; distributed 500 flag etiquette booklets; presented 4 American flags and 2 Scout flags to Boy and Girl Scout troops; presented a large American flag to Grace Bently Camp for Crippled Children; presented a hand-sewn silk flag to Dearborn Veterans Hospital Chapel.

☐ post 80, Maplewood, N. J., and Post 220, South Orange, N. J., sponsored a musical concert to raise funds for hospitalized veterans. Concert netted more than \$800.

☐ post 2, Killarney, Ireland, has reason to be proud of its membership. U. S. war veterans don't grow on trees in Killarney; yet the Post has increased its membership every year since 1951 — from a total of 26 in that year to 268 in Feb. 1957. Reports Adj't Jack O'Connor: "Our job is not to ask your neighbor but 'to find the neighbor to ask.'" The record shows that when an eligible is found, he's asked to join.

☐ post 31, Rutland, Vt., has erected in the center of Rutland's business section a brilliantly colored and lighted billboard containing the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

☐ post 72, Mulberry, Fla., dedicated its new \$60,000 home. Dedicatory address was delivered by Past Nat'l Cmdr John Stelle.

☐ THE FIRST "block of dimes" (a process whereby a tape is stretched the length of a city block and is covered with dimes contributed to Polio Fund) is thought to have been originated by Post 52, Bellaire, Ohio. Post still uses this method to fight polio, also feels the drive helps to increase its membership. First returns from this year's block of dimes of Post 52 totaled \$2,625, and Post passed its 1957 membership goal of 413 prior to Legion birthday celebration, Mar. 15-17.

☐ WHEN THE Cavaliers, drum and bugle corps of Post 162, Marion, Ohio, decided that the corps should be increased in size, they took a full-page ad in the local newspaper. As a result, 25 new candidates turned out for the next practice and increased the corps' strength almost twofold.

☐ THE CHESS CLUB of Post 388, Philadelphia, Pa., which includes eight high school boys among its 24 members, was formed two years ago. It recently completed its first tournament in league competition and scored three wins and four losses.

☐ post 258, Grand Rapids, Mich., has maintained a display of pictures and descriptions of the ten most wanted fugitives listed by the FBI. Display was in the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium. Post is largest in Fifth District of Michi-

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gan; had 600 members as of late February.

Post 147, Rockland, Mass., surpassed its 1956 membership, which was 75 higher than the previous five years, by March 22. Its Blue Crutch Drive for the Polio Foundation had the best record in the 10th Massachusetts District.

Post 85, Meeteetse, Wyo., is located in a town of 404 persons and has 75 members; every eligible veteran in Meeteetse is a member of Post 85. When these facts were made known, Dep't Adj't R. J. "Skin" Laird of Iowa was quick to announce that post 353 in Dixon, Iowa, has a membership of 207 in a town of 206.

It's NOT ALWAYS easy for a Post to sponsor an oratorical contest. For example, Post 5, Seward, Alaska, conducted an oratorical contest this year (this being the second year that the Post has done so), and has found that the total cost to the Post—including travel of the winner, Janis Jeffrey, and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Jeffry, to Caldwell, Idaho, for the regional competition—was approximately \$800.

Post 6, Verdun, France, has been reorganized and granted a new temporary charter. One of the first functions of the newly organized Post was the furnishing of an honor guard for a ceremony at the Verdun City Hall.

BRIEFLY NOTED:

Child Welfare Div. reports that temporary financial assistance extended to children of veterans by the Nat'l Organization of The American Legion was less in 1956 than at any time since 1949. Continuing prosperity and increased coverage of widows and orphans by the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program are given as the reasons.

The class of 1959 at the U.S. Air Force Academy—the first class that will be graduated from that institution—includes 37 cadets from 24 States who



THE THREE Immediatto brothers, former entertainers known in Wilmington, Del., as the "3 Little Bakers" sign up in Post 21, Wilmington, as Rev. Park W. Huntington pushes "Ask Your Neighbor" campaign.

attended American Legion Boys States. Class of 1960 has 39 former Boys Staters from 28 different States, including one who also attended Boys Nation.

Nat'l Radio Week will take place this year May 5-11. American Legion Nat'l Hq urges Legion Posts to cooperate with local radio stations in observance of this event.

Of the 32 State Governors who have wartime military service 31 are members of The American Legion.

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has reported gifts totaling \$112,438.74.

Dep't of Oregon won the Hanford MacNider Trophy, which is awarded annually to the Dep't having the highest percentage of members for the period Oct. 20 to Dec. 31 as compared with the total members on Dec. 31 for the previous year. Oregon had 92.25 percent.



EARTH IS BROKEN for newly chartered Post 303, Bonita Springs, Fla., by two sons of John Murphy, for whom Post is named.

The junior drum and bugle corps of Post 439, Jersey City, N.J., is the first official entry in the drum and bugle corps competition of the 39th Nat'l Convention, to be held at Atlantic City, September 16-19.

Saturday May 18 is Armed Forces Day, when all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces throughout the world will hold open house in a program to give the public a better look at the nat'l defense system. It will be the eighth observance of Armed Forces Day, and will mark the 10th anniversary of the unification of all the Armed Forces under a single Dep't of Defense.

Defense Dep't has adopted "Power for Peace" as the theme of the observance, and will emphasize the relationship between our national strength and our peaceful aspirations.



TWO IOWANS meet as little Walter Bill sells Easter Seal, to aid crippled children, to Past Nat'l Legion Cmdr Hanford (Jack) MacNider, to spark Easter Seal drive.

The 82nd Division Association (World War I) Medal has been awarded to the French cities of Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel, and Verdun. Presentation of the medal to the mayors of these cities was made by Miss Claire Rangnow, daughter of Adolph H. Rangnow who was a member of Co. G, 328th Inf., 82nd Div. and who—along with Sgt. Alvin C. York, CMH, of the same company—received a citation and medal for freeing those cities in 1918.

The Americanism Commission reminds Legionnaires that the placing of American flags on veterans graves on Memorial Day is only half of the patriotic duty to the war dead. The other half requires that the flags should be removed at the close of Memorial Day "or as soon thereafter as possible."

When Nat'l Cmdr Dan Daniel signed up a technician on the Ted Malone radio show on Mar. 15 at the time of the Ted Malone-ABC Network radio salute to the American Legion birthday, he completed his personally imposed quota of ten new members for the Legion during the "Ask Your Neighbor" campaign.

The technician remarked, "I never knew the Legion had so many fine programs until I listened to the birthday script. So now I'm joining."

If we can believe that best selling book of a few years ago, the average American veteran is just about to begin living. That's because he's now 39 years old.

Figures released by the VA indicate that the average WWI vet is 62.8 years old, the average WWII vet is 37.7 years old, the average Korean War vet is 25.9 years old and the average Spanish-American War vet is 79.6 years old.

► The American Legion Nat'l Championship Band Plaque was presented to Post 3, Olympia, Wash., in a public ceremony in that city. Post band won the plaque at the 38th Nat'l Convention Tournament of Music in Los Angeles last year. Band also received a citation from the Olympia Chamber of Commerce at the same ceremony.

► Public Law 825 of the 84th Congress authorizes railroads, buses, and airlines to permit two persons to travel for the price of one if one of them is severely disabled and the other is his attendant. Law applies to blind persons accompanied by an attendant and includes Seeing-Eye dogs under the definition of attendants. Unfortunately the law is not mandatory and few carriers have followed its provision or even know about it.

► The American Legion Dep't of Maine has become the first statewide organization to earn Maine's Award of Supreme Merit. Award was made in recognition of Maine Legion's "Boost Maine" activities.

► Dep't of Nebraska became the fifth 100-percent quota Dep't this year when it racked up 46,658 members — 102.5 percent of quota — on Feb. 28.



MEMBERS OF Post 1092, Schenectady, N.Y. with some of 4,200 pairs of old glasses they collected for fund drive for New Eyes for the Needy, charitable group that buys new glasses for those who can't afford them.

► *The Rayton News* has been awarded a plaque by the American Legion Dep't of Missouri for being the outstanding weekly newspaper in the State in its coverage of Legion news.

► A bronze plaque marking the grave of John Bailey, Revolutionary War cut-

ler who made Gen. George Washington's battle sword, was dedicated in St. Paul's churchyard in New York City on Feb. 23. Plaque was unveiled by Mrs. Alice Clyde Stafford, great-great-granddaughter of John Bailey, and a member of Post 16, New York.

► Nat'l Chaplain Father Bernard W. Gerdon (Ind.) offered the prayer at the opening of the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 28 and at the opening of the U.S. Senate on Mar. 1.

► The American Legion Boys State program has given citizenship training to more than 370,000 high schools boys in the past 21 years.

► Dep't of Louisiana enrolled 48,334 members by Mar. 18, thereby becoming the sixth Dep't to surpass its 1957 membership quota.

► The Americanism Commission has established a new rule for American Legion Junior Baseball. The rule, which will be in effect for national competition in 1957, provides:

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er's last appearance or total innings pitched, he cannot reappear as a pitcher in any game for at least 48 hours."

An explanatory note defines the 48-hour period this way, "The 48-hour period for each pitcher will begin when he throws the first ball in the game. The 48-hour rest period will begin when the pitcher is officially removed as a pitcher or the game is officially completed."

► Something new in American Legion oratorical contests took place Mar. 15 when the Dep't of Alabama televised the finals of its State high school oratorical contest.

► The people of Skokie, Ill., feted the Skokie Indians, drum and bugle corps of Post 320, Skokie, and American Legion Nat'l Drum and Bugle Corps Champions, at a testimonial dinner in late March.

► Former President Harry S. Truman was among the sponsors of a cooperative ad which appeared in the *Independence* (Mo.) *Examiner* saluting The American Legion's 38th birthday.

► Post 30, Gresham, Oreg., won the Paul V. McNutt Marksmanship Trophy for 1957. Post's five-man rifle team scored 1,441 out of a possible 1,500.

Gale Stockton, of Gresham, won individual honors with a score of 294 out of a possible 300 in the telescopic sight match, and Hobert Large was top scorer in the metallic sight match with 295 out of 300. He represented Post 224, Carmi, Ill., which ranked second in the Paul V. McNutt match this year; Post 36, Valier, Mont., was third.

E. Hoffman of Post 36, Valier, Mont., finished second in individual competition for both metallic and telescopic sights. A. Hamer, of the Valier team, was third in the telescopic sight match, and Leslie St. Clair, Jr., of Gresham, was third in metallic sights.

The Gresham, Oreg., Post has had an outstanding marksmanship program for years.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

SAMUEL M. BIRNBAUM, Vice Chmn of The American Legion Constitution and Bylaws Committee, took office as a member of the N.Y. State Liquor Authority.

LOUIS A. JOHNSON (W.Va.), Past Nat'l Cmdr of The American Legion (1932-33), elected President of the Conference of Nat'l Organizations.

GLENN B. HOOVER, of Indianola, Iowa,

appointed Historian of the Dep't of Iowa.

GORDON W. ROSELEIP, Alternate Nat'l Executive Committeeman from Dep't of Wisconsin, honored by the *Johnny Olsen Show* on the Mutual Network for his leadership in community service in Darlington, Wis.

ROBERT H. HAZEN (Oreg.), member of The American Legion Economic Commission, elected President of the American Savings and Loan Institute.

GOV. ROBERT J. MEYNER of New Jersey, member of Post 203, Phillipsburg, appointed Honorary President of the N.J. American Legion 1957 Convention Corporation.

Died:

JOSEPH E. HAUBNER, Past Dep't Vice Cmdr of New York (1931-32).

COL. ALTON T. ROBERTS, an organizer of The American Legion in Michigan and a Past Nat'l Executive Committeeman from that Dep't (1920-21). He was in charge of Marshal Ferdinand Foch's 1921 victory tour of the U.S.

ROBERT MALCOM, member of The American Legion Membership and Post Activities Committee; at his home, in Curtisville, Pa.

II. FROST BAILEY, Past Dep't Cmdr of Florida (1946-47).

GRANT L. HUGHES, Past Cmdr of Post 279, Jacksonville, Ill., and of the 20th Ill. District; at his home, in Brazil, Ind. He was a business associate of Past Nat'l Cmdr John Stelle.

CAMILLE ROBERT, composer of the WWI song *Madelon*; in Paris, France, in the apartment where he wrote the song.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Space does not permit notices to contact persons for any purpose except to assist in establishing a claim for a veteran or his dependents. Statement to that effect should accompany notice.

Send notices to: *Comrades in Distress, The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Avenue, New York 19, New York.

Army

1st Cav Div, 8th Engrs, Troop C—My back was injured when I fell down a mountainside in the Philippines after throwing a satchel charge about June 1945. Need help on claim from anyone who remembers me, especially from Sgt Battershell (Inglewood, Calif.) and Sgt Harrison (Tex.) who were with me at the time, and from those who recall that I complained about my back. My nickname was "Bird Dog." Write me, Percy A. Collins, Rt. 3, Union, Miss.

2nd Engr Special Brigade—My late husband, Col. Arthur H. (Barry) Barrett, was director of athletics and recreation after the Leyte Campaign and may be remembered by GI sports enthusiasts. He was hq commandant of the 2nd Engr Special Brigade, and was aide to Gen. W. F. Heavey. During the war he picked up some sort of "bug" which later caused a sort of paralysis of the hips that came and went. He had had difficulty before 1946. He may be remembered as holding a rank other than colonel; he was a 1st Lt in 1942, and was promoted to col in 1946. Need to hear from

anyone who remembers him, especially from those who remember that he suffered an illness prior to 1946. Write me, Mrs. Lydia K. Barrett, Trade Winds Estates, 3113 Palm Drive, Delray Beach, Fla. Claim pending.

3rd Armored Div Trains—After having been given shots, men in my outfit were hospitalized in June 1942 with yellow jaundice. I was hospitalized for six weeks and was very sick. Need to hear from anyone who served with me, especially: John Grant, Domingo Garga, Jerry Langone, Charles E. Lyle, Hubert Lemoine, John Jakel, Leo Kappell, Frank Jenkins, Albert Rossignoe, Ignacio Rodriguez, Boaz Rasor, Gilbert Sulcer, Max Shurtz, Rudy Espinosa, James Atkins, Ed Malinoski, O. E. Wank, Frank G. Bartle, Pete Brazima, William A. Horn. Write me, (former Cpl) Woodrow E. Benson, Route 3, Noble, Ill. Claim pending.

5th RCT, Co K—Near Taegu (or Tague), Korea, on Sept. 18, 1950, Ivan C. Bowman suffered gunshot wounds in both legs, right wrist, and head. He was hospitalized in Pusan (or Puscon). Need to hear from anyone who remembers him. Write R. R. Thomas, Director, Ky. Disabled Ex-Service Men's Board, 1405 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. Claim pending.

6th Div, 20th Inf, Co H—I had an infection under my right arm while at Fort Ord, Calif., from Nov. 1, 1951 to June 4, 1952. Need to locate 2nd Lt Charles T. Easley, Sfc Paul Herhei, and the company commander. Write me, Lon O. Judd, Peace Valley, Mo. Claim pending.

8th Cav, Co B—Need to hear from anyone who remembers Lt Mitchell A. Kruszewski, who died of wounds in Korea about Sept. 11, 1950. Write me, Mrs. Mae Kruszewski, 2930 N. Monitor Ave., Chicago 34, Ill.

8th Cav, Co F—Need to hear from anyone who knew Earl A. Brown who was reported missing in Korea on Sept. 3, 1950. He was a corporal or a pfc. Write me, Mrs. Edwin H. Brown, 7 Webster St., Pittston, Pa.

15th Cav Group, 15th Cav Regt, Troop C—During maneuvers in Tenn. in 1942 I started having vomiting spells. While at Throwbridge, England, between Mar. and June 1944 I sought the doctor's aid to relieve the vomiting. Now need to locate anyone who served with me, especially those who heard the doctor talking to me. Write me, (former Pfc) Abner C. Toney, 101 Milam St., La Grange, Ga. Claim pending.

17th Engrs, Railway, Co D (AEF)—I was injured when I fell from a 30-ft. railroad bridge at Saumur, France. Now need to hear from anyone who remembers me or the incident. Write me, Robert Potter, Box 328, Rt. 1, Norco, Calif. Claim pending.

29th Div, 114th Inf, Co L—Need to locate 1st Lt Hoffmann who was in charge when I had a heart attack on the drill field at Fort McClellan, Ala., in Mar. 1918. I understand that he was later promoted to capt. Write me, Curt Fleischer, P. O. Box 373, Passaic, N. J. Claim pending.

77th Div, 307th Inf, MG Co—Need to hear from anyone who knew Louis K. Owen in France in 1918-1919. He was gassed and was hospitalized; his nickname was "Pop." Write me, Mrs. Louis Owen, Buck Road, Warsaw, N. Y. Claim pending.

94th Evac Hosp—While unloading from a truck at Camp Blanding, Fla., on Mar. 8, 1943, my back was injured. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me, especially 1st Lt Wilson. Write me, Joe T. Rachauer, Route 1, Bigelow, Ark. Claim pending.

98th Inf or 509th MP Co—Need to hear from anyone who served with my late husband, James C. Himes. Especially need to hear from Howard Posner, Andy Nebus, Bucky Weaver. Write me, Mrs. James C. Himes, 357 4th Ave., Troy, N. Y. Claim pending.

110th Ammunition Train, Co D—The late Charles Edwin Morley served in this outfit in WWI. He was born in Springfield, Mo., or Nevada, Mo., on Nov. 14, 1896 or 1898. He enlisted from Nevada, Mo., on June 4, 1917, and was discharged on Apr. 4, 1919. He died on Jan. 25, 1957, in Charleston, S. C. Need to locate anyone who knew him or who knows the whereabouts of any of his relatives. Write, William F. Monogan, Sr., County Service Officer, The Center, Charleston, S. C.

204th AAA Group, Hq Btry—Need help on claim from anyone who served with me at San Diego, Calif., especially: Elmer Virnich (Chicago, Ill.), Emil Babich (Milwaukee, Wis.), Edgar Gorman Coston (Fort Worth, Tex.), and Pfc Herman (Nutley, N. J.). Write me, Thomas E. Franklin, 158 Sunset Dr., Alexandria, La.

241st Gen Hosp—While I was unloading drums of oil from a weapons carrier at Soissons, France, on Apr. 29, 1945, my back was injured. Need to contact anyone who remembers me, especially Pfc Martin J. Gieschen and Pfc Harry U. Harper. Write me, (former T/5) George A. Jamison, Star Route, Orbisonia, Pa. Claim pending.

269th Engr Combat Bn, Co A—While at Camp Shelby, Miss., in 1944 I suffered from pains

in my hips and legs; I was hospitalized there. I was a pvt at the time. Need to hear from anyone who remembers me. Write me, **Orville Lee Simpson**, Route 2, Berry, Ky. Claim pending.

590th QM Sal Rep Co—In Feb. or Mar. 1944 my feet were frozen while we were moving from Camp Ellis, Ill., to Camp Lorgan, Ill., for antiaircraft training. Subsequently I went on sick call several times. I also served with the **577th QM Rail Head**, the **300th or 309th QM Rail Head Co**, the **3988th Truck Co**, and the **3977th Truck Co**. I may be remembered by men in the **577th QM Rail Head** because I could not take hikes; I fell out and was rushed to the dispensary. Need to contact anyone who remembers me, especially those who were transferred with me when we were on limited service, and any medical personnel who treated me. Write me, **Marshall Redmond**, 118 Hortense, New Iberia, La. Claim pending.

937th FA Bn Hq—I had stomach trouble in Korea. Need to locate **M/Sgt La France ("Cognac")** Young, who was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and **Cpl John Luigi ("Pepperoni")** Capparelli, of Osburn, Idaho. In Korea I was called "Saki Yaki" and "Chico from Puerto Rico." Write me, **Del Gurule**, 1283 W. 9th Ave., Denver 4, Colo. Claim pending.

1612th WAC Detachment, Fort Sheridan, Ill.—Need to locate **Capt A. A. Dumanis**, who was in the Med Corps or Dept at Fort Sheridan in 1944-45. Write me, **Mrs. Lenora Hines Klotz**, 639 W. Amelia Ave., Orlando, Fla. Claim pending.

Army, WW1—Need to locate **Watson A. Sudduth**, Serial No. 2246236, a WW1 vet. He was last known to be working in and around Chicago, Ill. Write **Eugenia O. Eckler**, Manager, Veterans Service Center, Room 612, 1st Natl. Bank Bldg., Vicksburg, Miss.

Base Hospital 37—Need to hear from anyone who remembers me at Dartford, England, 1918-19, especially: **Bob Hershey**, **Tom Cowley**, **Wilcox**, **McCoy**, **Nicholson**, and anyone who remembers that I was sent back to the States because I had contracted TB about Dec. 1918. Write me, **Homer J. Winyall**, VA Hospital Center, Martinsburg, W. Va. Claim pending.

Camp Blanding, Fla., QM—Need to contact **Capt A. H. Andrews**, QM Maintenance Officer, to get help on claim arising from eye condition. Write me, **Albert Corbin**, Trenton, Fla.

Camp Breckenridge, Ky., 1556th S.U.—Need to hear from anyone who served with me, especially from **Sgts Guy Lambardau**, **Gilbert Swanzy**, **Robert Seay**, and **2nd Lt (Nurse) Harris**. Write me, (former cpl) **Andre E. Thibodeaux**, Box 189, R.D. 2, Cottonport, La.

Camp Gordon, Ga.—In 1919 (probably in the summer) a prankster put itching powder in the hat of **Pvt. Clarence Edward Brooks**, who may have served in Med. Dept. under **Capt. Mott**. As a result, it was necessary for Brooks to have his head shaved and to wear a skull-cap for some time. Need to hear from anyone who remembers Brooks (Apr. 2, 1917-Aug. 9, 1919) or the incident. Write me, **Mrs. C. C. Brooks**, 257 The Prado NE., Atlanta, Ga. Claim pending.

Camp Gordon, Ga., MP RTC, Co E, 8801st Tech Service Unit—Need to contact **Pvt Oliver P. Reese** (of Camden, N. J.) with whom I served in Co E in 1951. Write me, **Rafael Lopez**, Box 209, Las Piedras, Puerto Rico. Claim pending.

Evacuation Hospital No. 4—Need help on claim from any of the following men who served with me in WW1 who remember that after we had moved from Coigny, France, and had begun to set up the hospital, I slipped and fell off hill injuring both my legs. I was placed on crutches by **Capt (Dr) Cook**; later I was evacuated to **Base Hospital No. 3** at Montpont. I recall these men: **Clyde C. Calliett**, **Andrew Durr**, **John P. Ertle**, **Vincenzo A. Ventruito**, **Donato J. Muscio**, **James Tully**, **Arthur Gorton**, **Peter Quigley**, **William Hession**, **James Leek**, **Howard Willever**, **Louis Estes**; and these officers: **Maj J. R. Bradley**, **Cpts Roland B. Clinton**, **Thomas F. Hale**, and **John H. Traband, Jr.** Write me, **Herbert S. Kamsler**, P. O. Box 168, General Post Office, New York 1, N. Y.

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Fire Dept, QM, and Motor Repair—Need to hear from men who served at this post in 1936-37; especially recall **Herman Appleman**, **Alex Campbell**, **Clarence Pollard**, **Allen Dyer**, **Ollie Osborne**, **Jenkins**, **Pruitt**. These men were in Fire Dept. QM, and Motor Repair. I fired heating systems in the QM area, and I was hospitalized because of a respiratory condition. Write me, **William O. Blackwell**, R.D. 3, Bedford, Ind. Claim pending.

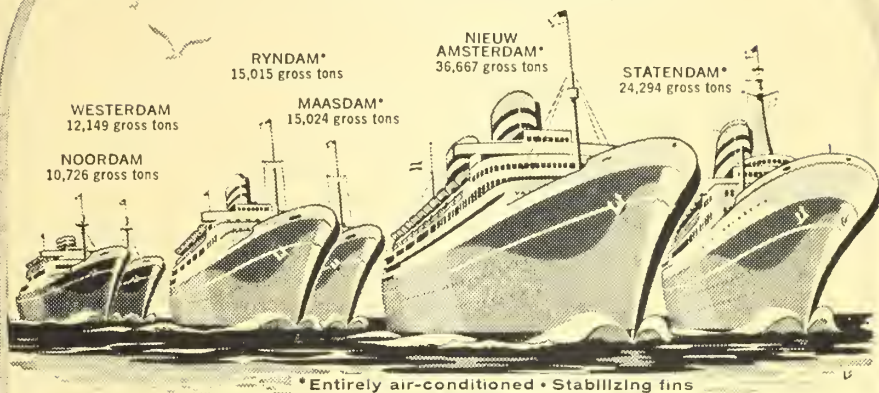
Fort Belvoir, Va., ERTC, Co A—Need to hear from anyone who took basic with me between Sept. 24 and Oct. 30, 1942. Write me, **P. H. Swift**, Box 157, Colfax, Wis. Claim pending.

Fort Monroe, Va., 1319th Service Command—Need to contact anyone who served with me in 1943-44, especially **John Gomery** and those who remember that I had back trouble. Write me, **George Sereyko**, Howland, Maine.

Navy

1st Marine Div, 5th Marines, Co A—Need to hear (Continued on next page)

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COMRADES IN DISTRESS

- (Continued)
- from anyone who knew my son, **Cpl Waldman F. Rupp** who was reported missing in Korea on Dec. 5, 1950. Write me, **W. F. Rupp**, 2969 W. 25th St., Cleveland 13, Ohio.
- 5th Marine Div, 27th Marines, Co C, Mortar Section**—On Iwo Jima Pfc Andy Anderson and I became deaf from firing a 60-mm. mortar all afternoon. After a few days my deafness disappeared, but a ringing continued. Need to hear from anyone who remembers my deafness, especially: **Andy Anderson**; **Wilber C. Hayes**; **Julian Dye** and **Denton Hudman**, both of Tex.; **Harold Green**; **Rufus B. Stone**, of Oklahoma City. Write me, **Hugh E. Mobley**, P.O. Box 414, Centreville, Ala. Claim pending.
- 38th Seabees**—While returning from Japan aboard the **APA 100**, some chairs and tables overturned on me and injured my back and leg. Cooks and guards will probably recall this. Need to contact anyone who remembers me or the incident, especially **Dale Baroff** and **Herbert L. Hobbs**. Write me, **James O. Flatt**, Snowball, Ark. Claim pending.
- ICT 680**—Need help on claim from anyone who remembers me from 1944-45. In 1945 my face was injured. I do not recall the skipper's name, but he would remember the time I was put on the Bunker Hill to have my cheek stitched up. Write me, **Archie F. Schave**, 1400 E. Russell St., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- LSM 10**—My back was injured at Okinawa in Apr. or May 1945. Need to hear from anyone who served with me. Write me, **Daniel C. "Moose" Chambers**, Box 40, Route 4, Hood River, Oreg. Claim pending.
- IST 465**—Need help on claim from anyone who remembers that my knee was swollen at Cape Crete, New Guinea, and Hollandia in Apr. 1944, especially: **John A. Mick**, **Donald O. Bryson**, **Obie Ladd**. Write me, **Raymond C. Kamp**, 540 W. Grant, West Point, Nebr.
- USS SC 671**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers my attack of stomach ulcers in Powers River, B. C., in 1944. I was in bed aboard ship to Seattle, Wash., and was admitted to the Naval Hospital in Seattle for about 2 months; was later transferred to the

- Naval Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. I was a MOMM 1c; my nickname was "Stud." Write me, **Troy W. Owen**, Ga. State Patrol, P.O. Box 156, LaGrange, Ga. Claim pending.
- USS Simpson**—Need help on claim from the following who served aboard this ship in 1942-43: **Lt Comdr E. Burke**, capt; **Lt William Lee Malley**, MC; **Lt Comdr Sedwick**, executive officer; **Lt Walker** and **Montgomery**, engineering officers; **Lt Reagan**, deck officer; **WT 1c George Alyea**; **WT 1c Cavanaugh**; **WT 1c Dorsey**; **EM 1c Joe Hunter**; **Yeoman Hines**. Write me, **Herbert M. Allen**, 1607 Butler Road, Muncie, Ind.
- USS Situla**—In late 1944 or early 1945 my son, **S 1c Jessie C. Jarrell**, suffered a mental breakdown as a result of shock received at a fire aboard ship. He was transferred to **USN Base Hosp No. 8**, and later to **USNRH at San Francisco**, and then to **USNH at Bainbridge, Md.** Prior to serving on the Situla he had served at **Waipio Amphib Operating Base**; **ConServPac**, **Adv Base PersAdmin**. Boat Pool, Navy #3236; **USS President Monroe**; **Landing Craft School (TCS) PAC**; **LST 31**; **RecSta NYK RSNS New Orleans, La.**; **A T S Little Creek, Va.** He took boot training at **Great Lakes** where he is thought to have been in **Co 1802**, which had a group photo taken on Jan. 5, 1943, and was probably commanded by **M. E. Pish**, C.S.P. Need to hear from anyone who remembers **Jarrell**, especially those who served with him in the Situla. Write me, **Mrs. J. C. Jarrell**, Lewisburg, W. Va. Claim pending.

Air

- 13th Air Force, 13th Motor Transportation Unit, 810th Air Base Engineering, Nichols Field, Luzon, P.I.**—Need to contact former Pfc John Lawrence, of St. Louis, Mo. I served with Lawrence in the Philippines and at **Sheppard Field, Tex.**, where we were in **Sqdn F, 3706th Air Base Training Unit**, and at **Hamilton Field, Calif.**, **TCL**, where we were processed for discharge together in July 1947. We were both pfc's. I was pulled out of the line while we were processing for discharge because a stomach illness was revealed by an X-ray. I had suffered with the illness after I arrived in the Philippines. My nickname was "Nick

- Ross." Also need to contact anyone else who remembers my illness. Write me, **John H. Brown**, 3511 Stanton Road SE., Washington 20, D. C. Claim pending.
- 15th Air Force, QM, Attached**—In 1943 I was in a group of men who were shipped from **Stinson Field, San Antonio, Tex.**, to **Barksdale Field, La.**, where we made up the **66th Service Group**; we were later transferred to **Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.** I was a cpl at **Stinson**, and made sgt in the **66th Service Group**; I entered service from **Breckenridge, Tex.** Need help on claim from anyone who remembers me. Write me, **William C. Johnson**, Box 1319, Andrews, Tex.
- 322nd Fighter Sqdn, Westover Field, Mass.**—Need to locate **Lt Frank A. Kelly**, ordnance officer. Write me, **William C. Coughlin**, Keene Valley, N. Y. Claim pending.
- Gulport Field, Miss., General Mess**—Need to hear from **Sets Rosie Robinson** and **Joe Butler** and **Capt Charles C. Cockrell** who were with this unit in 1943. Also need to hear from anyone who was in the **310th Service Group, 304th Service Sqdn**, at **Decimo, Sardinia, Corsica**, or France; or in the **496th Air Service Group, 738th Air Materiel Sqdn** at **Landsberg, Germany**, in 1945. Need help on claim arising out of deafness. Write me, **Carl N. Kilgus**, 1319 E. Creighton, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Kearney Army Air Field, Nebr., 27th Airdrome Sqdn E**—Need to locate anyone who remembers me from the winter of 1947-48, especially: **Donald Hunt**; **Capt Springer, M.D.**; and "Slim" who went to town with me when the incident happened. Write me, **Ken Croshy**, 31 West St., Rutland, Vt. Claim pending.

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Army

- 1st Div**—(Aug.) **Arthur I. Chaitt**, 5309 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pa.
- 1st Minn Inf and 135th Inf**—(May) **J. P. Hech**, 6206 Chown Ave. N., Minneapolis 22, Minn.
- 3rd Div**—(July) **Harry Cedar**, 1129 Warner Bldg., Washington 4, D. C.
- 4th Div**—(Aug.) **Joe Summa**, 132 Ave. V, Brooklyn 23, N. Y.
- 5th Div**—(Aug.-Sept.) **T. E. Dunn**, 30 N. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill.
- 5th Field Signal Bn (WW1)**—(July) **H. L. Behmer**, P.O. Box 520, Portland, Ind.
- 6th Armored Div**—(Aug.) **Edward Reed**, P.O. Box 492, Louisville 1, Ky.
- 8th Armored Div**—(June) **Daniel H. Hahn, Jr.**, 3700 Garrett Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.
- 11th Armored Div**—(Aug.) **K. W. Hanlon**, 217 Robin Hood Rd., Mountaineer, N. J.
- 13th Engrs (Ry) (WW1)**—(June) **V. H. Funck**, 487 S. Legion Drive, Buffalo 20, N. Y.
- 16th Gen Hosp (WW2)**—(Sept.) **B. T. Donnelly**, 103 Merritt Road, Riverside 15, R. I.
- 23rd Field Hosp**—(Aug.) **Mickey Mynear**, 5015 Forest Ave., Norwood, Ohio.
- 26th Div**—(June) **H. Guy Watts**, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston 23, Mass.
- 29th Div**—(Aug.) **B. F. Cassell**, 505 W. Fayette St., Baltimore 1, Md.
- 34th Engrs (WW1)**—(Aug.-Sept.) **George Remple**, 2523 N. Main St., Dayton 5, Ohio.
- 41st Div**—(July) **Joe Poshka**, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.
- 43rd Engrs (Gen Service), Co C**—(May) **David J. Skaff**, 2316 Jones St., Sioux City, Iowa.
- 45th Evac Hosp**—(June) **John Hiltner**, 120 S. New York Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.
- 52nd Engrs RTC (WW1)**—(July) **George H. Eckrote**, 71 Poplar St., Kingston, Pa.
- 53rd Inf, Co M**—(Aug.) **Roger Casamajou**, 354 21st Ave., San Francisco 21, Calif.
- 56th Pioneer Inf (WW1)**—(Aug.) **Washington Hess**, 707 Park St., Bloomsburg, Pa.
- 59th CAC, Btry D**—(May) **Edward Hartell**, 1643 George St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.
- 61st Ry Engrs (WW1)**—(Sept.) **A. P. Dively**, 2000 First Ave., Altoona, Pa.
- 64th CAC, Batteries D & E (WW1)**—(June) **Thomas E. Watson**, 1564 Colton St., Toledo 9, Ohio.
- 65th Div**—(Sept.) **Charles W. Beck**, 104-17 41st Ave., Corona, N. Y.
- 65th Gen Hosp**—(May) **Frank E. Holt**, 126 37th St., Union City, N. J.
- 68th Gen Hosp (WW2)**—(May-June) **Thomas McCormick**, 20-69 46th St., Astoria, N. Y.
- 73rd FA Brigade and 190th FA Regt (WW2)**—(July) **R. J. Noble**, P.O. Box 361, Sunbury, Pa.

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 95th Div—(Aug.) Sidney Schwartz, 14 N. 12th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 102nd Inf, 2nd Bn—(May-June) 2nd Bn. Reunion Assn., Box 142, Waterbury, Conn.
 103rd Ammunition Train (WW1)—(June) Thomas F. DeLong, 1041 Graham St., Bethlehem, Pa.
 103rd Med Bn and Regt—(Oct.) Elwood G. Ruckel, Box 238-B, R. D. 2, Hunlock Creek, Pa.
 104th Cav, Troop C—(May) John E. Renninger, 42 W. 5th St., Pottstown, Pa.
 109th Engrs, Co F (WW1)—(Aug.) D. J. Merritt, Alliance, Nebr.
 110th Inf, Co I—(May) G. W. Hutchinson, 222 Barclay St., Greensburg, Pa.
 113th Inf, Co 1 (WW2)—(May) R. Calamusa, 491 S. 11th St., Newark 3, N. J.
 113th Sig Radio Intell Co—(June) Lew Dresser, Piper, Kans.
 116th Sig Radio Intell Co—(July) Wendell Maresh, 4073 S. Lipton Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wis.
 131st, 132nd Inf—(Sept.) Clarence Schilling, Evansville, Ill.
 145th Inf, Co E (WW2) and 166th Inf, Co E (WW1)—(July) Robert Dove, 217 W. 11th St., Ashland, Ohio.
 151st Inf, Co E—(June) Marion E. Maxwell, Darlington, Ind.
 151st Ord Bn—(Sept.) Dan Shaw, 2617 S. 19th St., New Castle, Ind.
 164th Inf, Antitank Co & Tank Co—(Sept.) Al Olenberger, Harvey, N. Dak.
 164th Inf, Co I—(June) Wallace Robertson, 430 E. St. Charles, Fergus Falls, Minn.
 173rd FA Bn—(Oct.) Claude Craemer, 511 Main St., Eau Claire, Wis.
 215th CA(AA)—(May) Red Mueller, 915 N. German St., New Ulm, Minn.
 217th CA(AA), Btry C—(June) Herman N. Anderson, 416 Lincoln Ave. E., Alexandria, Minn.
 224th Airborne Med Co—(Aug.) Joseph A. Caruso, 565 Ramona St., Rochester 13, N. Y.
 301st Supply Train (WW1)—(May) Leroy F. Merritt, 38 Winthrop St., Brockton, Mass.
 302nd Med Bn—(May) Glenn Marrero, 3430 Hudson Blvd., Jersey City 7, N. J.
 308th Ammunition Train, Co G (WW1)—(Aug.) O. T. Dunlap, 881 W. 8th Ave., Columbus 12, Ohio.
 311th FA, Battery D—(Aug.) Hugh Coll, 569 N. Laurel St., Hazelton, Pa.
 313th Ammunition Train, Co D (WW1)—(June) Mrs. Clark Harris, Idana, Kans.
 313th Inf (WW2)—(July) George Kashmar, 840 E. Philadelphia Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.
 314th Inf (WW1)—(Sept.) Charles M. Stimpson, 2537 E. 14th St., Brooklyn 35, N. Y.
 324th FA (H), Btry A—(July) Leo A. Bauer, Botkins, Ohio.
 327th FA (WW1)—(Sept.) Charles A. Campbell, 407 S. Cherokee St., Taylorville, Ill.
 329th FA (AEF)—(June) Walter E. Shell, 9324 Littlefield, Detroit 28, Mich.
 330th Engrs (WW2)—(Aug.) John E. Thomas, 179 W. Home St., Westerville, Ohio.
 331st Inf, Co 1 (WW2)—(June) Eddie Sutter, Marion, Va.
 351st Inf, Co I (WW1)—(Aug.) G. T. Larson, Wilis, Kans.

356th Inf (WW1)—(Nov.) Inghran D. Hook, 1116 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
 376th Port Bn TC—(June) Welton Smith, 6920 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.
 381st Inf, Antitank Co—(June) Homer D. Kinsell, Box 602, Heyworth, Ill.
 390th AAA AW Bn (SP) (WW2)—(Aug.) Robert Lee, 1248 S. Hudson, Los Angeles 19, Calif.
 409th Inf, Co D—(Sept.) Anthony Maranto, Box 56, Harbert, Mich.
 419th Armored FA Bn—(July) William Hammer, 577 27th NW., Massillon, Ohio.
 465th Engrs—(June) Mike Melcher, 917 Reid St., Bucyrus, Ohio.
 504th MP Bn—(Aug.) Steve Goren, 18621 Capitol Drive, Detroit 19, Mich.
 560th AAA Bn, Co C and 72nd Chem Mortar Bn, Co C—(June) James C. Hill, 120 Neely Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.
 557th AAA (AW) Bn—(May) Andrew Rebovich, 5 Syntron Drive, Homer City, Pa.
 596th Sig Aircraft Warning Bn, Co C—(July) Charles Swoboda, 3316 A Louisiana, St. Louis 18, Mo.
 604th Ord Bn—(May-June) William T. Riskie, 300 Dare St., Woodbury, N. J.
 611th OBAM Bn (304th Ord Regt B, 2nd Bn)—(Sept.) Laurence W. Jenkins, 370 St. Lawrence Ave., Buffalo 23, N. Y.
 612th TD Bn—(June) J. K. Tumulty, 2313 Hilton, St. Louis 17, Mo.
 643rd TD Bn—(June) Russell J. Littlefield, 35 Albion St., Rockland, Mass.
 745th Tank Bn—(June) A. G. Spencer, P.O. Box 206, Marseilles, Ill.
 796th AAA AW Bn (SP)—(May-June) Larry Davidson, 53-41 205th St., Bayside 64, N. Y.
 801st CA Btry—(July) Marvin Zastrow, 81 Main Ave., Clinton, Iowa.
 805th TD Bn, Co A—(June) Ernest V. Focht, R. D. 1, Dillsburg, Pa.
 882nd FA Bn, Btry A—(June) Wayne L. Brannon, 630 N. 1st St., Vandalia, Ill.
 990th Ord Dep Co—(Aug.) Gene Bartoletti, Eensburg, Pa.
 3103rd Sig Service Bn, Co C—(May) S. H. Rubin, 155-23 Jewel Ave., Flushing 67, N. Y.
 3341st Sig Service Bn (WAC)—(Aug.) Mrs. Peggy Wischart, 445 Griswold Ave., San Fernando, Calif.
 3477th Ord MAM Co—(Aug.) Robert M. Dunbar, 5531 N. High St., Worthington, Ohio.
 Base Hosp No. 37 (AEF)—(May) Bernard J. McAfee, 305 Eighth Ave., Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
 Chem Warfare Service Vets Assn—(Sept.) George W. Nichols, Box 425A, R. D. 4, Kingston, N. Y.
 Persian Gulf Command Vets—(June) Willis E. Cowan, Box 482, Tempe, Ariz.

US Army Ambulance Service Assn—(July) Charles L. Winkler, 5979 Drexel Road, Philadelphia 31, Pa.

Navy

3rd Special Seahees—(July) Roland D. Johnson, 2703 Preble, Ventura, Calif.
 48th Seahees—(July) R. L. Olson, The Reveille, 1370 Broadway, Denver 3, Colo.
 60th Seahees—(Aug-Sept.) Mrs. William Meltzer, R. D. 2, Lincoln Park, Alliance, Ohio.
 78th Seahees—(June) Edwin Bush, 178 E. Lincoln Ave., White Plains, N. Y.
 110th Seahees—(Sept.) James F. Groome, 210 Bradford Ave., Downingtown, Pa.
 123rd Seahees—(Aug.) Harry A. Stone, Lakeview Ave., R. D. 1, Boonton, N. J.
 Bar Harbor, Maine, Naval Radio Station (WW1)—(Nov.) Harold W. Castner, Damariscotta, Maine.
 Cape May, N. J., Section IIase (WW1)—(May) Walter Fulmer, 3124 Wellington St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Navy #157, Palermo, Sicily—(June) A. I. Codrington, 679 Carlyle Pl., Union, N. J.
 Newport Recruit Personnel Office—(Sept.) James R. Holmes, 823 Fuller St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.
 Seabee Vets of America, Ill. Dept—(May) Donald L. Engel, 3830 N. Lake Blvd., Danville, Ill.
 Seabee Vets of America, Ohio Dept—(June) Charles E. Hull, 415 Afton Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.
 USS Borie (Commissioning Crew)—(Aug.) Gail G. Hill, 610 Hubbard Ave., Mishawaka, Ind.
 USS C 147 (1917-18)—(May) William A. Gundacker, 182-25 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica 32, N. Y.
 USS Chambers—(July) Robert Heldt, 955 Lincoln Drive E., West Bend, Wis.
 USS Wakefield (USCG)—(May) Harold Murray, 11-01 162nd St., Whitestone, N. Y.

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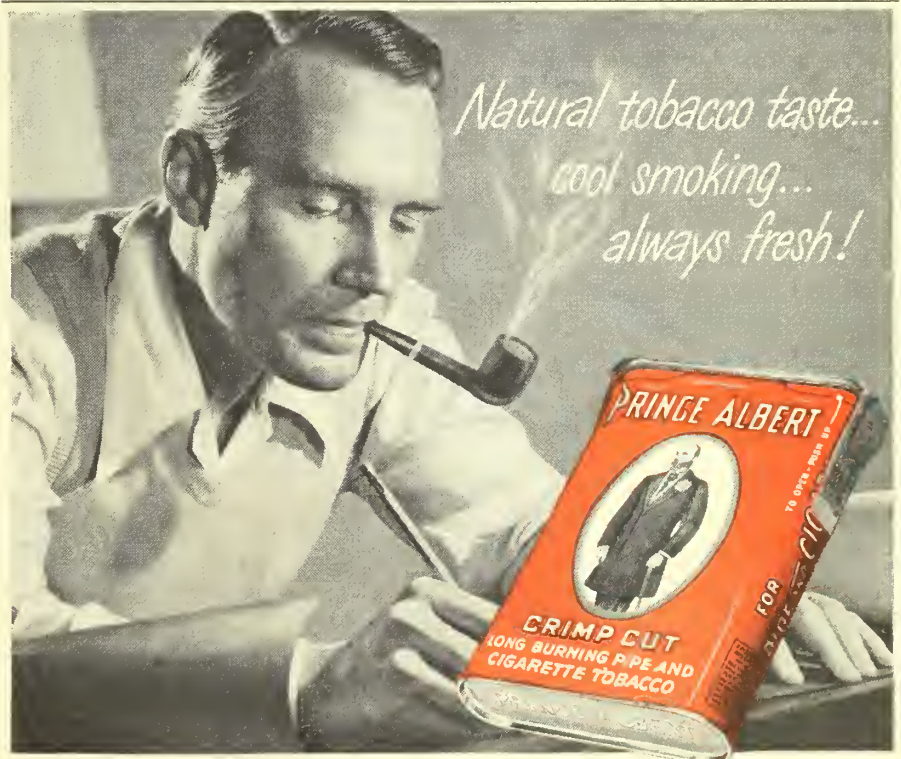
10th Air Depot Group—(Aug.) Jack R. Morris, 19349 Washtenaw, Harper Woods, Mich.
 14th Air Force and Flying Tigers—(Aug.) B. C. Freeman, 216 S. 4th St., Steubenville, Ohio.
 21st Engr Regt (Avn)—(June) Paul Joseph, 155 Franklin Ave., Aliquippa, Pa.
 74th Service Sqdn—(June) Don E. Winters, 622 Marquis Ave., Mansfield, Ohio.
 282nd and 281st Air Sqdns (WW1)—(July) George M. Kennedy, 15641 Minock, Detroit 23, Mich.
 817th Med Air Evac Sqdn—(July) Mai. Dorothy M. Berendsen, 6605th USAF Hospital, APO 864, New York, N. Y.
 3463rd Student Sqdn, Permanent Party (1950-53)—(June) Harvey Pommer, 601 N. 4th, Montrose, Colo.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FEBRUARY 28, 1957 ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit....	\$ 425,317.83
Receivables	183,059.79
Inventories	597,573.39
Invested Funds	1,652,617.39
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 260,591.51
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,163,116.68
Real Estate	978,243.65
Furniture and Fixtures,	
less Depreciation	229,462.94
Deferred Charges	127,378.60
	<u>\$6,617,361.78</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 387,912.97
Funds restricted as to use.....	30,042.76
Deferred Income	1,478,796.41
Trust Funds:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 260,591.51
Employees Retirement	
Trust Fund	2,163,116.68
Net Worth:	
Reserve Fund	\$ 23,852.30
Restricted Fund	19,213.15
Real Estate	978,243.65
Reserve for Washington	
Building	16,429.37
Reserve for Reha-	
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Welfare	14,239.42
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Nationwide telecast dramatizes
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ON SUNDAY, February 3, 1957—the 14th anniversary of the sinking of the *Dorchester*—The American Legion, over the nationwide television network of the Columbia Broadcasting System, commemorated the Four Chaplains who died in the sinking.

The telecast—an annual feature since 1952—is one facet of the Legion's "For God and Country" program. The format for this year's program, which took as its title the phrase from the Legion's Preamble, was built around the families and clergymen who knew and loved the Four Chaplains.

In addition to the "live" telecast, the program was shown on kinescopes, broadcast on all national radio networks and heard throughout the world over the facilities of Armed Forces Radio and Radio Free Europe.

THE END

PHOTOS BY BENN MITCHELL



The West Point Chapel Choir appeared on the Legion's program for the 4th consecutive year.



Will Rogers, Jr., shown standing here before a replica of the painting of the four chaplains on the sinking *Dorchester*, narrated the show.



Producer Jack Kuney watches as Av Weston, center, directs the rehearsal.



Writer Martin Plissner shows Will Rogers, Jr., a script change.

ARE WE BLEEDING OURSELVES WHITE?

(Continued from page 17)

estimated two *trillions* of dollars for global elevation would have to come from the American taxpayer, but you may be sure it wouldn't come from the French, the British, the Saudi Arabians, or the Russians.

The guiding principle of our foreign aid is that it is to frustrate the ambitions of the Soviet to take over the world. Now and then the Russians do show impatience at certain aspects of our lavish handouts, but probably no more than is shown by beneficiaries. By now the Politburo probably feels that the more of our substance we give away indiscriminately, the better off the Soviet will be.

Certainly the U.S.S.R. hasn't made out too badly to date. During World War II we gave the Soviet \$12,000,000,000 of the \$42,000,000,000 total. Following the war we invested \$2,700,000,000 in a global relief project called UNRRA. Unfortunately, ex-Senator Herbert H. Lehman, the first administrator of UNRRA, allowed himself to be persuaded to distribute relief through the *de facto* Soviet-controlled governments in the conquered countries of Eastern Europe. This was a strategic victory for the Soviets, who were thus able to appear before their subject peoples as humanitarians while American taxpayers footed the bill.

Even today this sort of thing continues. Three years ago Congress passed a resolution requiring aid shipments to be so marked that those receiving them would know they came from the United States. This "Mark American" campaign, as it was called, was to make it difficult for communists to obliterate or change the marks to credit Soviet Russia as the donor. An Army packaging expert, John J. Shaughnessy, who tried to enforce this congressional ruling, was dismissed from his job. After his dismissal the New York *Journal-American* investigated shipments on the New York waterfront and found only a single instance where goods we were giving to Europeans were properly marked "Made in the United States of America," as recommended by Congress.

Thus we continue to provide material which the Soviets can use to their benefit and to our detriment. But there are other reasons why the wily Russians have no serious objection to our foreign aid, and would probably be happy to see it continued on an even bigger scale. One reason was stated by Charles Sawyer, who served as Secretary of Commerce in President Truman's Cabinet. Mr. Sawyer had an important part in setting up the Marshall Plan and was at first an enthusiastic advocate of foreign aid. But a close second look changed his mind. He explains this as follows:

"Neither individuals nor nations are made friendly or even grateful by handouts. Those who are given money soon think it is owed to them. . . . This assumption that the more money we give away the more good we accomplish is also wrong. It is wrong because the emotions which really influence people — pride, face-saving, age and customs, racial, religious and national enthusiasms or prejudices — are ignored."

The Soviets are also well aware that a vast giveaway program never satisfies everyone, and they exploit to the fullest the resulting dissatisfaction. For example, President Eisenhower has asked for a \$200,000,000 blank check to be spent in the Middle East. Does the President think he can spread this around in a way that will gain us good will in both Israel and the Arab countries? There's bound to be resentment, probably in both camps, and you may be sure the Russians will be around to take advantage of it.

Indeed, the Russians have us over a barrel. Our present foreign policy is based on foreign aid. We meet crises with only one remedy, money. Knowing this, the red rulers can drain off our resources by the simple procedure of stirring up trouble in one place after an-

other. From past experience they know that our handouts will do the Soviet Union little harm. As proof, consider just a few of the things that have been done so far in the name of foreign aid.

We gave more than a billion dollars to the shaky Government of Indochina before that country capitulated to the reds. We gave Norway \$300,000,000 which was promptly applied to the reduction of Norway's internal debt. We gave Denmark \$100,000,000 which the Danes used in the same way. We are providing free airplane excursions for thousands of Arabs visiting their religious shrine at Mecca. We are paying all living expenses and tuition costs for the sons of hundreds of wealthy Persians attending American universities. In Portugal we have paid for a six-lane highway 15 miles long connecting Lisbon with the gambling resort of Estoril. Our tax dollars have provided dress suits for Grecian undertakers, public baths for Egyptian camel-drivers, and even ice-boxes for Eskimos.

I could go on for many pages listing the many silly things being bought by your tax dollars, but that will give you the general idea and will explain why our own debt remains higher per capita

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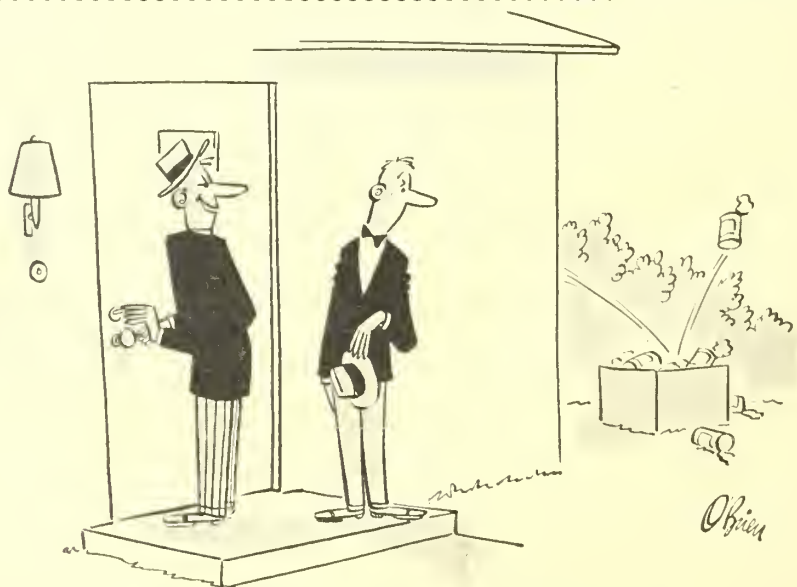
Everything has been done on a firm capitalistic basis. Nothing has been promised without a demand for a full price to be paid for future values to be received when, and if, the Soviet delivers the goods. For example in India, which has received a billion dollars' worth of free goods from the U.S.A., the Russians agreed to furnish that country with ore-mining machinery only on condition that India would purchase, not get for nothing, a million tons of rolled ferrous metals. Even the widely heralded gift of a Soviet steel mill to Nehru was no handout. It was to be repaid by 12-year credits at 2½ percent interest. In Burma Khrushchev and Bulganin made a deal whereby the Soviet and its satellites were to get half the Burmese rice crop, and in return would help Burma expand its agriculture and industry. No free goods! In Afghanistan the Soviet's traveling salesmen offered \$100,000,000 to be used for the purchase of goods in the Soviet Union. However, unlike the openhanded Americans, the Russkys weren't giving the money, they were just lending it, at interest.

If you think the hard economic facts of life have a sobering effect on our great givers, you are greatly mistaken. Senator Jacob K. Javits, when he was Attorney General of New York State, informed a group at Colgate University that the Eisenhower administration should invest \$100,000,000,000 in a program of peaceful economic competition with the communists. Paul Hoffman told a Pennsylvania audience that no less than \$200,000,000,000 would be needed for foreign aid in the next five years. Labor baron Walter Reuther has proposed that we give 2 percent of our gross product to foreign aid for the next 25 years. In round figures Reuther's generosity would cost the American taxpayer, including the members of Reuther's union, \$8,000,000,000 a year.

One of the foremost advocates of bigger and better handouts to foreign nations is a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, W. W. Rostow. This professor wants us to spend between two and three billions a year. His liberality with American tax money is set forth in a book written in collaboration with one Max F. Millikan. Their tome tries to sell the idea that Americans should contribute between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 a year for foreign aid. Showing how the elaque operates to promote global spending, this book was reviewed in *The New York Times* by J. K. Galbraith. Professor Galbraith, who has held a number of Government jobs and is now teaching at Harvard, made this interesting observation in his laudatory review of the Rostow-Millikan book:

"All the while economic aid, for which our capacity is inherently vast, has been pareeod out with great and seemingly increased reluctance."

Possibly the taxpayers who foot the



"I will say one thing for the little woman—she's a great cook."

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bill for our global giveaways are reluctant, as the professor says, but certainly there has been no discernible reluctance on the part of our present administration or the two which preceded it. Witness the way this evil has grown!

The leftwing Americans for Democratic Action are of course all-out for bigger and better handouts to foreigners. This outfit, which exerts a strange influence in certain political quarters, has come up with a new yardstick for foreign aid. It maintains that American money should be given away on the basis of the ability of recipient nations to use the money. No consideration should be given to U.S. budgetary considerations!

The United Nations, which gets so much money from the United States at present, is trying for more by means of a project called SUNFED. This means Special U.N. Fund for Economic Development, and to implement it an estimated \$50,000,000,000 would be needed during the next decade. If we fall for this, it will mean that the United States will as usual be the biggest contributor, but the American people will have nothing to say about the spending of all these billions.

The worst of it is, these people have a pretty good chance of maintaining and increasing this irresponsible spending. As Senator Johnston of South Carolina put it: "The One World theorists are firmly entrenched . . . it is now easier for a foreign government to contact and get assistance from Washington than it is for an American citizen."

Meanwhile we are hard pressed at home to provide our own 170,000,000 Americans with the things needed here. We are chronically short of hospitals, schools, roads, and modern housing. Our municipal services are in many cases run down. Research projects to improve health and lengthen life are forced to operate at a snail's pace.

The reason, of course, is because we don't have enough money for all these things. By the time the Federal Government takes its lion's share of the available tax money, the States and the municipal governments have little for improvements that are crying for attention. New and ingenious ways of taxing an already overtaxed public are constantly being studied and tried out. And to provide some of the necessary services, the American people are constantly being called on for voluntary contributions of time and money.

Only \$5,000,000,000, the cost of one year's foreign aid, would give an extra hundred dollars a year to every parent for every child in this country, and still leave a billion dollars over. It would set up a fund which would give \$50 a week to every person over 65. It would build enough schools and hospitals and pro-

vide enough money for scientific research to win the war on the worst diseases ravaging mankind. It would provide 500,000 homes worth \$10,000 apiece. Or it would make possible a tax cut which would mean real money to tens of millions of people in the moderate-income bracket.

The latter possibly is one that seems to frighten some of our politicians. Some of the politicians, eminently practical, want no tax cuts because such action would run counter to the axiom: "Tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect." Other politicians oppose tax cuts since they have been sold the idea that if taxes are cut inflation will result. Their theory is that if the money is not taken by Uncle Sam, people will spend it on things for themselves, and this will cause prices to rise. This in turn will force wages up, we will have inflation, and everything will go bust.

This view is as superficial and erroneous as it is pessimistic. At the present time labor is starting a new round of demands for higher wages. If the demands are granted, which is likely, prices will again be forced up. Thus we will have another upward movement of the inflationary cycle.

A most important reason for demands for higher wages is the fact that almost a third of every dollar that the wage earner gets is taken away from him in taxes. At the same time everything he buys costs a lot more than it should because of all the open and hidden taxes that are loaded on it. If politicians honestly want to combat inflation they can make a start by permitting the workingman to keep more of the dollar he earns, and by allowing him to get better value for his money by eliminating some of the taxes that are built into the things he has to buy. A start can be made toward an honest dollar and honest value for that dollar by cracking down at once on the activities of the people who seem to be intent on bleeding this nation and its taxpayers white.

Unfortunately, this is not going to happen if we just sit and hope for it. That is perfectly obvious from the fact that it hasn't happened in spite of solemn campaign pledges to reduce spending and taxes. The next move, then, is up to you. Many Congressmen and Senators are committed to the reckless giveaway program described here. Most are either opposed to it or have not made up their minds. But all of them have one thing in common—a certain sensitivity to the wishes and demands of their constituents. If the wishes of the American people are made known to them in unmistakable fashion, not even all the concentrated pressure of the global givers will be able to pry additional billions out of the U.S. Treasury.

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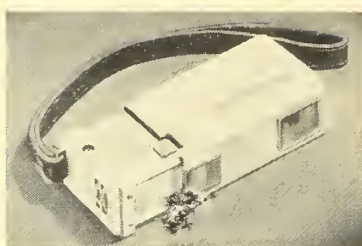
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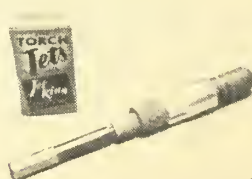
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How much? \$39.50.
Where available: The FR Corporation, 951 Brook Ave., New York City 51, or dealers.



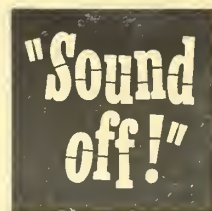
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zation and its magazine are bulwarks against those forces which are constantly at work to lead this nation into the sea of International "Worldism." May we ever hold the line. No other group so steadfastly fosters American tradition and spirit.

Russell Bennett
Helena, Mont.

ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT

Sir: As a veteran of WW2, unable to obtain a GI home loan due to the recent "tight money" situation, I wish to express my appreciation to The American Legion for its efforts to remedy this condition. This fact and the many other Legion achievements will be used by me, and I hope many others, to obtain new members.

A. F. McQuillan
Brooklyn

FALSE ISSUE

Sir: The false issue of "academic freedom" has come up again with the scheduled appearance of communist editor John Gates before a "Marxist" study group at Queens College. His right to speak has been denied, not by the student council, or even the faculty, but by the president. Everyone at this college, then, seems to support the idea of rights for traitors. There are no reasons whatsoever for permitting traitors to speak on public owned college campuses. Traitors, and communists are certainly traitors, have no rights in a society which they seek to destroy. The majority of students in this country are primarily interested in the preservation of our hallowed institutions of free enterprise, and freedom. Queens College, and some other institutions in New York City, may lie outside this orbit. They show every sign of this.

Allan C. Brownfeld
Editor, Youth Bulletin
Brooklyn

WANTS LIST

Sir: I enjoyed "Who Said That?" the historical picture quiz in your March issue. Would it be possible for you to send me a complete list of events in American history?

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WHAT'S WITH THE TROTTERS AND THE PACERS?

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thirties. And please note Bill Haughton, only 33, who last season won events worth more than half a million for his owners, although he has never won the most highly prized race of them all.

But before there's any concerted rush of the younger generation to this seemingly endless supply of riches, one should cast an affectionate eye on Fred Egan who insists he was born in a box-stall in Iowa and couldn't very well escape being closely identified with horses. However that may be, Fred at 77 has one of the undoubted top horses in the Hambletonian in Cassin Hanover. And it will take a lot of work from the "boys" half his age to beat him, as they well know.

No other sport that comes to mind quickly or otherwise can match trotting and pacing with the stamina of its athletes or participants. Can you imagine any other sportsman nearing 80 who'd sit in a bouncing, swaying sulky to pit his skill with whip, stopwatch, and reins against a dozen or more men in their late twenties and thirties perched behind horses that can pound around a mile track in two minutes or less? And yet Fred Egan, in his Irish green silks and with his slow, slightly shy Irish grin, isn't the only oldtimer who can prove

that in harness racing the aged, if not the infirm, can lead the boys.

Ben White won his first Hambletonian when he was around 60 and went on to cop three more of them as much as 10 years later to become the only driver of trotters to win this classic four times. The late Bi Shively captured the Hambletonian when he was in his seventies in 1952, and the year before the late Guy Crippen won the event as an equally "old" man. This year Johnny Simpson, 36, is tutoring Hickory Smoke, the highly touted favorite, but he has yet to pilot a Hambletonian victor. Yet, percentage-wise, Simpson may believe (at least hopes) that he'll be the fifth "youngster" in a row to win the sulky derby.

This contradiction in the ages of its leading participants is matched by the fact that no other sport where wagering is a major factor would think of racing its biggest event at a place where one cannot place a bet on the outcome. But as Illinois law bans wagering at a State fair, the Hambletonian Stake raced at Du Quoin in late August will not be accompanied by the click of mutuel machines, nor for that matter will any of that week's Grand Circuit races be involved with betting. This somewhat

ironical situation will still produce approximately 50,000 paying customers at the gates on Hambletonian Day as compared with roughly one third this number at Goshen which had legal wagering when it played host to the top sulky feature.

The fact that Good Time Park at Goshen has dropped out of major trotting competition due to the death of William H. Cane has helped the Grand Circuit in that its previous long trek from New York State to Illinois has been shortened considerably by several short hauls between the East and Midwest and a self-contained three-week loop comprising Springfield, Ill., Sedalia, Mo., and Du Quoin that will put the highly rated Hambletonian hopefuls in the pink of condition for the 32nd Hambletonian.

County fairs, at which about 90 percent of persons 40 years of age or older saw their first harness racing, now show unmistakable signs of being bitten by the night racing bug. Almost one quarter of the county fairs in 1956 raced under either permanently installed or portable lights. This year even more are joining the ranks of the after-dark tracks. This may jolt some of the old-time fans who can't picture their youth without a hot

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sun blazing down on a field of trotters or pacers, but there'll still be nearly 300 county fairs operating as usual in the afternoons in 1957 as well as such State fairs as Du Quoin.

Although most county fairs don't seem to be wilting either under the sun or artificial light, both Illinois and Michigan are allocating part of their "take" or taxes from their major nighttime parimutuel tracks to pay for new stakes at both county and State fair harness meetings. Horses entered in these events must be by Illinois or Michigan sires, respectively, which, understandably enough, has increased the interest in home breeding by several seven leagues.

Everything, of course, doesn't exude a ruddy glow of health in the trotting-pacing sport. That would be asking too much of even this fast growing American sport. In the past couple of years only three newly created tracks (all operated at night) have sprouted, and two of them have failed. Even here that persistent contradiction in harness racing rears its several-sided head, for one track that slipped into Standardbred oblivion was in a nonurban area and the other failure was in a metropolitan setting. The third, and successful, track was located in the environs of a small city, without too much of a surrounding population to draw upon.

Seminole Park, near Orlando, Fla., may turn into a half-million-dollar harness racing emporium if present plans materialize, although its promoters cannot help but be reminded of the collapse of trotting events several years ago at Jacksonville when public interest could not be sufficiently aroused.

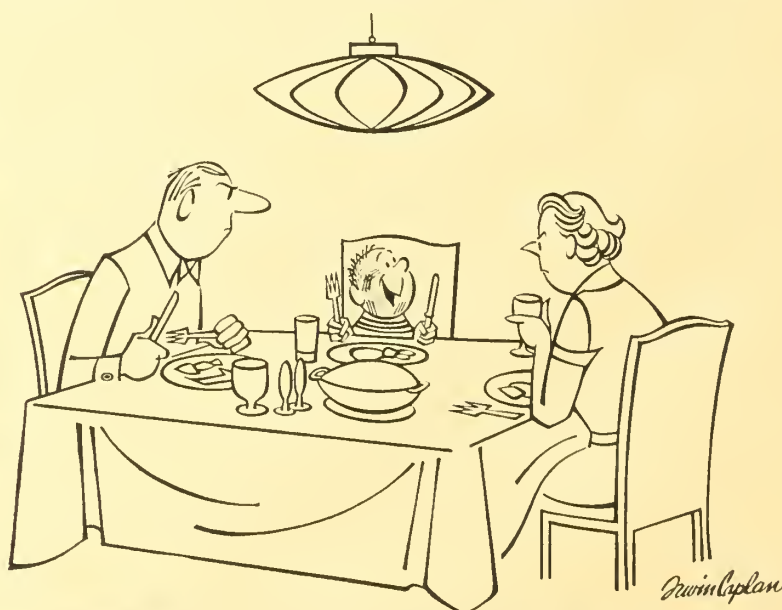
No one appears to have a crystal ball that doesn't cloud up when politely requested to foretell whether a night har-

ness racing meeting or any other kind will pay or not. Roosevelt Raceway which began the whole after-dark harness racing business by starting up in 1940 on the site of several dismal years of automobile racing at Westbury, Long Island, did not have things go in its favor at all for several years. Starting in late 1956 and continuing into this year Roosevelt is spending \$16,000,000 on improvements, which gives a rough idea that there's money in nighttime trot meetings. Yonkers, also near New York City, is spending \$13,000,000 on improved facilities after starting to operate ten years later than Roosevelt.

Owners and trainers who were suspicious of this newfangled night racing have long since been won over. Yonkers and Roosevelt will each have 105 nights of harness racing in 1957, indicating that no one is withholding horses or otherwise obstructing these night-blooming plants, as they threatened to do early in their careers. The public which jams these tracks in ever-increasing numbers probably wouldn't give them a second look if it weren't for the motorized starting gate that gets off a field of trotters or pacers in seconds where it once took minutes that seemed like hours.

State treasuries faced with rising costs and fewer sources of taxes have welcomed the marked upswing in the mutual play on harness racing. Out of the 38-million-dollar tax total turned into a round dozen States' coffers last year, Roosevelt and Yonkers, both in New York State, contributed \$24,500,000 or all but \$13,500,000 of the national total. It's small wonder, therefore, that most States are doing everything they can to encourage this sort of financial support.

It seems strange to most persons that, for such a successful business or sport,



"Why should I wash - I'm inoculated against everything, ain't I?"

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harness racing has been comparatively free of serious squabbles. The United States Trotting Association is the parent body operating out of Columbus, Ohio, and except for an argument with Commissioner George P. Monaghan of the N.Y. State Harness Racing Commission over interpretation of rules and the USTA's charge that some undesirable characters have not been rooted out of the sport in the Empire State, everything in 1957 appears to be colored a nice rosy hue. Which, with millions at stake, is really news because it's so exceptional.

The nationwide success of the trotting turf has helped it to acquire a new type of owner who is expected to prove more numerous this year than last. Max Hoehberg, a lawyer and accountant, today might be termed as fairly typical of the new owners. He became interested in harness racing by the simple expedient of visiting Roosevelt Raceway a few years ago and clocking horses as they worked out in the early mornings. Then he bought one or two; he now has six or more. And among them is Torpid, the fastest two-year-old Standardbred the world has ever seen, who seems sure to win additional honors in 1957.

This new look in harness racing has been glamorized a bit by the good fortune that's smiled so warmly on a comparative newcomer to the sport. It's certain, as nearly everyone knows or can guess, that such fast horses do not show up very often. But it is also certain that more and more persons with an average upper middle class income may easily identify themselves with trotters and pacers by starting slowly as did Hochberg and carrying on to whatever degree they wish.

The sulky-pullers have something on Thoroughbred runners in that few if any owners of the latter can have the fun of helping train them or can actually race them. Trotting horse owners, however, can themselves enter top races and compete against the best professional reinsmen in the land. And when Harrison Hoyt copped the 1948 Hambletonian Stake with his own horse, Demon Hanover, and did it as a wholly amateur driver, interest in piloting one's own horses hit a new high which has been increasing steadily since. The fact that owners can and frequently do help train their horses for the races spurs interest in the sport. Sitting in a sulky, while it's no upholstered rocking chair, is fairly simple compared to riding a galloping runner—a la Eddie Arcaro—even if one could make the weight.

As the weight carried by a Thoroughbred is of major importance to everyone, the fact that weight *pulled* by a Standardbred is of no particular interest to anyone is hard for most persons to believe. Most professional trainers

who also (usually) are the horses' drivers weigh more than 160 pounds and not too infrequently are close to the 200-pound mark. The fact that the weight is not carried, but jounces along behind saves the trotter-pacer some but not all of the handicap of actually carrying poundage like a Thoroughbred. And as owners are apt to be getting along into middle age, and their weight tends to increase, it's a favor to them that their horses don't really mind the extra poundage.

You once had to be a wealthy man or woman to own and race trotters. The Grand Circuit, to which nearly everyone naturally gravitated in the search for top honors, cost a lot to circumnavigate. And the fun of seeing one's horses race—and sometimes win—had to be stretched out over the summer months at cities at considerable distances. No one but the upper-uppers could either afford the money or the time involved. That is now considerably changed and undoubtedly is for the better. For while shipping and other costs, like everything else, have skyrocketed, so has the value of the races themselves. Last year showed a gain of over a million compared with 1955, and 1957 purses will probably go still higher.

The additional fact that long meetings scheduled at night raceways have tended to concentrate stables in metropolitan areas, thus saving transportation charges and other maintenance costs, has brought in a great many new faces that can be seen both at business and at a racetrack.

Trotting and pacing once upon a time were more popular than Thoroughbred racing on the flat. With the coming of the automobile and harder surfaced roads, the sport hit the skids. For a time it looked as though it might never recover. Today, or tonight, it's showing unmistakable signs of attaining new heights.

Tradition is frequently wonderful to behold and to cherish. But it can in time help to strangle progress and mutilate budding enthusiasm. The Hambletonian Stake, long raced at Goshen, was considered by many to be a permanent integral part of that upstate New York community. Actually Goshen had become so accustomed to this major event that it was beginning to take it for granted. It is, therefore, a soundly constructive step to transport it in 1957 a thousand miles or so to Du Quoin, Ill., where it is certain to receive wide acclaim.

This move of the Hambletonian is just one more sharply defined example of the current forward surge of the sport. It is no longer afraid to try something new and to profit by it through greatly increased public acceptance.

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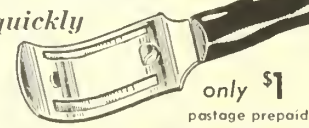


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VETERAN'S FLOWER

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American Legion and Auxiliary, alone among veterans organizations, have all their poppies made by veterans. Every cent of the money donated for poppies distributed by the Legion and its Auxiliary *must* go for relief work—rehabilitation and child welfare. The Legion's fifth National Convention ordered that the money had to be used that way, and the Auxiliary pledged the same thing.

Most of the money is used by Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units for rehabilitation and child welfare work in the communities where it is donated. Not one cent goes for administrative costs at any level.

During the poppy drive approximately 125,000 men, women, and girls volunteer to distribute the flowers for the Auxiliary and the Legion. They receive no pay for their work. In recent years there have been cases in which petty swindlers, wearing overseas caps and sometimes claiming to represent nonexistent organizations, have conducted poppy drives of their own. For this reason the Legion and Auxiliary and other reputable organizations have called on the public to make sure that its contributions are not wasted.

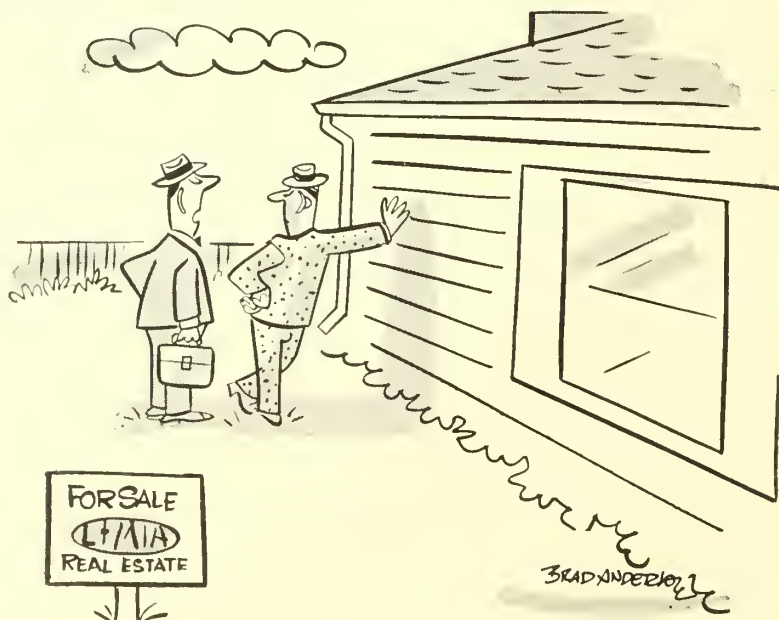
But in a sense the money that the poppies bring to disabled veterans and their families is not the important aspect of the program. As Mrs. Carl W. Zeller, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, put it last February, "The primary purpose of the poppy is not to raise money. Poppies are worn as the individual's personal gesture of remembrance of the nation's war dead.

We are trying to get our Units not to hold a poppy sale, but to observe Poppy Day; not to sell poppies, but to offer or distribute them; not to ask people to buy a poppy, but to wear a poppy. *Wearing* the poppy is the important thing.

"That is not to say that the money which is donated for the poppies is not important; it is important, and it provides the means for the Auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare work. But the poppy is not just another tag to show that the wearer has made a charitable contribution. It is more than that; it is an indication that an American is paying tribute to his country's war dead by wearing the memorial poppy. If the poppy program is to continue to thrive, it must remain that way."

The poppy worn to honor America's war dead has its roots in France. The seeds of today's poppy program were sown there as the First World War was drawing to a close. Then hostile men faced each other from trenches which ran from Switzerland through Belgium and France to the North Sea. Destruction and devastation and death were everywhere on the battlefields, and a plague seemed to hang over the land.

But as American soldiers fought along the rivers and on the hills and in the valleys, they often wore little red poppies in their helmets. The poppies were the only living things that had survived, and indeed appeared to thrive, in the midst of war. These hardy reminders of better times were also reminders of the many comrades who had given their lives



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in bringing the war so close to its end.

They seemed to grow where all else was dead and decaying. Along the trenches, near jagged shell holes, beneath the tangled masses of barbed wire, and over the fresh graves of recently fallen comrades the valiant little flowers sprouted their brilliant red petals and gave promise of better days to come.

It was only natural that the poppy should take on an almost sacred significance for the men who were fighting for America in 1918. It became, appropriately, the flower of remembrance for the men whose blood had colored the soil that nourished it in the battle-scarred fields of France.

Poppies were first worn to honor the war dead on November 9, 1918, in New York City, when Miss Moina Michael, of Athens, Ga., who was serving on the staff of the Y.M.C.A. Overseas Headquarters, distributed them to men attending the 25th conference of the Y.M.C.A.

Then in June 1919 a booth from which coffee and doughnuts were being served at the homecoming of the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division in Milwaukee, Wis., was decorated with poppies. People passing the booth took the flowers to wear in their buttonholes and left donations for them. The booth was twice stripped of its decorations, and several hundred dollars were contributed for the benefit of the returning veterans.

Mrs. Mary Hanecy, one of the women who decorated that booth, got an idea from the popularity of the little red flowers. Why not, she thought, raise money needed for veterans' rehabilitation work by selling poppies on the streets about the time of Memorial Day?

She told George F. Plant, Post 1, Milwaukee, about it, and on the Saturday before Memorial Day in 1920 the first Poppy Day on record took place. Post 1 distributed 50 thousand poppies and netted \$5,500.

Meanwhile Miss Moina Michael had interested Georgia Legionnaires in wearing the poppy in memory of the war dead, and in August 1920 The American Legion of that State adopted it as the Department's memorial flower. One month later the Georgia delegation took the idea along to the Legion National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Convention adopted the poppy as the national memorial flower of The American Legion. The Legion thus became the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its memorial flower, and the Auxiliary did likewise when it held its organizing convention in Kansas City, Mo., in October of that year. Other veterans organizations in this country have since followed suit, and the poppy is also the memorial flower of the British Legion.

The Auxiliary later decorated Miss Michael with its Distinguished Service Medal and awarded a Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Hanecy.

Memorial poppies were first sold on a nationwide basis by the Legion and Auxiliary in 1921. At first the artificial poppies were made by French disabled veterans and widows and orphans, but by 1922 the first poppies made by American veterans were produced in hospitals in Minnesota.

The poppies worn in 1921 were made of silk, but the one you will wear on Memorial Day is made of crepe paper because it can be easily worked and materials are inexpensive. Today poppies are made by disabled veterans in more than 80 hospitals and workrooms in some 40 States.

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gardens also ran high in the twenties, and *The American Legion Weekly* carried articles on raising them and quieting fears that they might become so widespread as to be pesty. The poppy in question, by the way, was the corn poppy; its botanical name is *papaver rhoeas*. And there's nothing sinister about it; it's not the opium poppy.

On March 30, 1923, the *Weekly* reported that the Legion National Emblem Division was selling poppies—artificial ones and not for planting—to Posts, and on May 11 of that year it listed other national organizations which had offered support of the Legion's Poppy Day program. Among them were the A.F.L., the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., the Eagles, the United Confederate Veterans, and the National Grange.

In 1924 the Legion gave complete charge of the national poppy program to the Auxiliary. A few Legion Departments, however, still conduct the programs in their States.

All in all, the observance of Poppy Day gives substance to the promise Miss Moina Michael made in her poem *To Keep the Faith*:

"And now the torch and poppy red

We wear in honor of our dead.

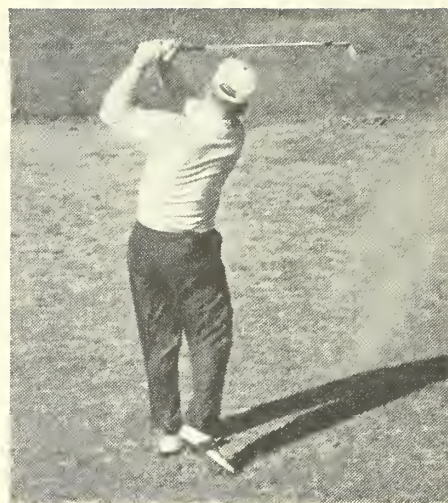
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WHEN IS A MAN TOO OLD TO WORK?

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duction of workers between 55 and 65 was only 10 percent lower than the average for all workers—certainly not enough of a drop to make them industrially useless. The slightly reduced production of workers in their upper 50's and 60's was found to be often counterbalanced, moreover, by their steady and dependable behavior on the job.

The second commonest reason that employers and personnel managers give for not wanting older workers, the Labor Department researchers found, is that *they are inflexible and so set in their ways that they can't accept change or be taught new skills.*

This too was proved a fallacious concept. Forty percent of all older workers placed in jobs by State Employment Security agencies changed from one occupation to another, it was discovered, and 57 percent changed from one industry to another.

In Miami and Seattle, for example, about 25 percent of the unemployed older workers whose last job was in manufacturing reported that the longest job they ever held was in a different industry.

Another groundless bugaboo is that *older workers are unstable job-hoppers or they wouldn't be unemployed so late in life.*

More than half of all older job applicants, the Labor Department studies showed, have held one job for at least three years before becoming jobless, compared to only one-third of younger job seekers. It was also disclosed that workers over 45 leave jobs on their own volition only one-third as often as workers under that age.

Even more unjustified is the belief expressed by some employers that older workers are unskilled.

Just the reverse of this was found to

be the truth. Of job applicants sampled in seven large cities, twice as many older workers as younger workers had held skilled jobs.

Still another reason frequently cited for not hiring older people is that *they are absent from the job more often than younger workers because of illness or injury.*

There is no evidence to support this idea either. On the contrary, the Government studies indicated that there is slightly less absenteeism among employees in the 45 to 54 age group than there is among those between 25 and 44, and those between 55 and 65 fall short of average attendance standards by only 1½ percent.

About the only common reason given for discriminating against older workers that has any basis in fact is the one which says *they increase the cost of company pension plans.* Paradoxically, some of these plans, designed to help the old, have backfired and hurt them by blocking their chances of employment.

But this obstacle has been grossly overrated. Most private pension plans today are based on average earnings multiplied by the number of years of service. Under this system, a man hired young automatically qualifies for a bigger pension than one hired late in life, and the cost of covering them under such plans varies accordingly.

Under a typical plan, for example, the man who is hired at the age of 25 and has average earnings of \$300 a month until he reaches retirement age at 65, gets 40 times 1 percent of his average earnings or \$120 a month. But a man hired at age 50 and earning the same average of \$300 gets a pension of only \$45 a month.

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"Frankly, I would have changed cereals had I known what he wanted the box tops for!"

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point out that even so the cost of pensioning the man who went to work young is less because of interest earned by the contributions made to the pension fund in his behalf over his long years of service.

That is true, but another factor largely offsets this interest item. A large proportion of plans calculate benefits not on average earnings over a lifetime but on average earnings over the worker's last five or ten years on the job. And since the man who spends his life with a company ordinarily gets more pay raises and receives a higher income at the end of his career than the man who goes to work late in life, his pension — and the cost to the company of providing it — is commensurately larger.

It does not always work out this way, of course. Private pension plans vary greatly. But the conclusion reached by a committee of experts appointed last year by Secretary Mitchell to explore the problem was that the *real* additional pension costs incurred by most companies when they hire older workers amount only to "peanuts." Like most of the other reasons cited for discriminating against them, it is more of a phantasm than a real roadblock.

Now, since there is no valid reason for barring older people from jobs, what can be done to break down the prejudices against them? How can they be given a better break in industry not only for their own sake but for that of industry and all taxpayers?

Five States have enacted laws making it illegal to deny people jobs for reasons of age, and several others are planning to do so. But such laws have not proved very effective. If an employer doesn't want to hire an older person, it is usually easy for him to find some other excuse for not doing so. Efforts by unions in their collective bargaining agreements to compel employers to hire more older workers have not proved highly successful either.

Instead of trying to force industry to do something it is opposed to doing, most students of the problem agree, a more practical approach lies through education. More employers simply need to be convinced that it is to their own advantage, and that of the general public, to employ more older people.

The most direct way of doing this, according to Charles E. Odell, coordinator of Older Worker Programs of the Department of Labor, is through publicity beamed at employers. In the press and on the airwaves, he says, we need constantly to hammer home the idea that older workers are good workers and that most of the reasons for not employing them are based on out-of-date misconceptions. Mr. Odell says that theme also needs to be reiterated in speeches to employer groups and trade

associations, at business men's conventions and luncheons, and needs to be emphasized in schools of business administration.

Another approach to the older worker problem is through community action. At Worcester, Mass., a field worker of the local State Employment Security Service, while calling upon garment industry employers, was repeatedly told that the industry needed 40 stitchers and that none were available. Individual employers apparently had given up training stitchers because it was too costly, and they often lost them to other employers after they were trained.

Seeing an opportunity for older workers, the Employment Service sought the cooperation of Worcester city officials, and a training program for stitchers was set up in a public trade school with the garment industry providing sewing machines, remnant material, and an instructor. The Employment Service then selected a class of trainees, half of them over 45 years of age, and in less than six weeks they were all trained and placed in jobs. As a result, Worcester has appropriated funds to enlarge the training program, and the older worker problem there is being alleviated to at least some extent.

This is the sort of thing thousands of other communities could do without much difficulty if they tried. By merely studying the employment needs of local industry and training oldsters to meet these needs, they could make a sizable dent in unemployment rolls.

But from a national point of view the most practical immediate method of helping older workers, according to Mr. Odell and other experts on the problem, appears to be that of giving them more counseling, job-development and job-placement services when they are out of work. Such services can greatly increase the number of older people placed in jobs, experiments in seven cities indicated last year, and in some places the results have been spectacular.

At the State Employment Service office at Hempstead, N.Y., for example, specially trained counselors called "older worker specialists" have helped scores of applicants formerly regarded as virtually unemployable to find good jobs.

One of these applicants was a 49-year-old veteran with an impressive background in the publishing field. Before World War II he had managed bookstores in various places, during the war he was a lieutenant colonel in the Army, and between 1946 and 1952 he held several important editorial and executive positions, none of which paid him less than \$7,500 a year. In 1952, however, the firm of which he was president and general manager went out of business, and he spent months vainly looking for another job in the field



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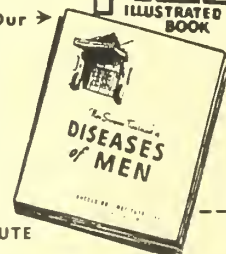
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he was most familiar with—publishing.

There were no administrative jobs open to him, and no one wanted him as a junior employee because of his age. At the same time he had marital troubles. Completely beaten, he finally decided "I might as well be a bum," and when he was first interviewed by an older worker specialist was earning a bare living as a part-time dishwasher in a restaurant.

The first thing the older worker specialist did for this man was to build up his self-confidence a bit. Just because he couldn't get a job in his old line, he pointed out, didn't mean that he wasn't still a topnotch person of executive caliber. Why not try another line? Naturally, he couldn't expect to start at the top, but with his intelligence and managerial ability he should be able to climb.

Encouraged by this talk, the ex-publisher took a \$1.50-an-hour job which the specialist found for him in stock control work in a small electronics factory. Naturally bright, he quickly learned the names and uses of the electronic parts which he handled, and took advantage of an opportunity to put in 20 hours of paid overtime work a week. With some money in his pocket and a new suit on his back, he regained more ambition and, through enterprise and initiative, has forged ahead steadily. At last report, he appeared headed for a well-paid managerial job in the factory.

Thanks to receiving a few special services, in other words, this older worker who was definitely on the skids now promises to do just as well in electronics as he formerly did in publishing.

As in that case, being out of work for a prolonged period often undermines an older person's self-confidence to such an extent that he makes a poor impression when he applies for a job. In many cases, studies have shown, he either talks himself down or has a chip on his shoulder.

Or he may be timid one minute and overly aggressive the next. Realizing this, the older worker specialists at Hempstead coach such people on what to say when interviewed by employers, and help them prepare written resumes of their experience.

At the same time, by carefully studying an older worker's background, they often find that he has some rusty, half-forgotten skill that can be oiled up and used to make him employable. For instance, a 58-year old man who couldn't get a job as a delivery truck driver was found to have done sheet metal work during the war, and was placed in a job in that line.

In their job development and placement work the older worker specialists at Hempstead also often challenge or cleverly get around age restrictions specified by employers.

In one case, a businessman applied to the office for a woman bookkeeper. She must know stenography as well as bookkeeping, he said, have experience, and not be over 35.

"I think I've got just the girl for you," an older worker specialist told him. "She's had a world of experience and has wonderful references. The only thing is she's a little older than you specified. She's sixty-one."

The businessman threw up his hands in horror. "That's old enough to be my mother," he said. "I'd feel embarrassed giving orders to anybody that old."

"Not to this girl," the specialist declared. "You wouldn't be embarrassed giving her orders because she'd be delighted to take them. She's got a wonderful personality in addition to all her other fine qualifications. Why not give her a try?"

The businessman did give the 61-year-old woman a try and reported later she was the best bookkeeper he ever had.

In another case the same older worker specialist asked a department store manager to give a 77-year-old man a job as a salesman in the store's paint department.

"Have a heart!" the manager exclaimed. "I'm running a store—not a home for the aged."

"But this man used to own his own paint store," the specialist persisted. "He has a reputation as a terrific salesman. Why not try him out for a week?"

In the end the department store manager consented to do this, and again the story had a happy ending. The 77-year-oldster proved to be such a whiz at selling paint that he was given a permanent job.

In many instances like these, experience has shown, employers will hire older people they ordinarily would not consider if someone does a positive selling job in the oldsters' behalf. But it takes time and effort to find such employers and also to break down their prejudices.

Experimental programs like the one at Hempstead have been so successful in a number of places that the Labor Department last year allocated \$449,500 to provide special services for older workers in about 70 major cities. It is hoped eventually to make such services available in many more of the nation's 1,700 State Employment offices. But if the program is to be extended, Congress must appropriate funds to finance it. Realizing this, and keenly aware that more and more veterans are falling into the older worker category every year, The American Legion adopted a resolution at its last National Convention calling upon Congress to make such funds available to the Labor Department.

The importance of this program to veterans can hardly be overemphasized, according to Edward L. Omohundro, chief of the Veterans Employment Service of the Department of Labor. While local employment offices provide job preference and priority to qualified veterans, Mr. Omohundro says, it often happens that these advantages are nullified by age restrictions.

If an employer is in the market for an accountant, for example, and specifies that he must not be over 45, the Employment Service can do nothing to make the employer hire a 46-year-old veteran in preference to a 44-year-old nonveteran. The younger man gets the job even if he isn't as good an accountant as the veteran simply because he meets age requirements.

If special services for older workers are made available throughout the Employment Service, however, such injustices can be largely offset by the individual attention older veterans will receive in thousands of cases. And every older veteran will have two things in his

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favor when he goes job-hunting—his preferred status as a veteran and these special services.

Of course, it is not necessary to sell all employers on the idea that they should employ more older people. Some have already learned from experience that it is to their advantage to do so.

One of them is Gil Southwick, president of Childhood Interests, Inc., a toy manufacturing concern of Roselle Park, N. J. The average age of his 200 employees is 55, scores are in their 60's, and 25 are over 70. Asked why he prefers workers of mature years to younger ones, Mr. Southwick had this to say:

"They are more considerate of one another than young people. They are more loyal to the company. They are less wasteful of time and material. They don't come to work with hangovers. The men don't knock off so often to smoke, and the women aren't forever taking time out to adjust their lipstick."

Another employer who is enthusiastic about the merits of older workers is Carl R. Hellstrom, president of Smith & Weston, Inc., of Springfield, Mass.

"Our company makes every effort to place so-called overage job applicants in situations where their stability and dependability can be best utilized," Mr. Hellstrom said recently, "and we have no fixed retirement age... All employees are encouraged to continue on the job with the help of understudies and assistants until a natural indication for retirement manifests itself... This policy is not an altruistic one. The company benefits from the experience and know-how which these older workers pass on to younger employees."

Still another company which holds older workers in high regard is the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

"It is difficult to find machinists under 40 or 50 who have the skill and judgment required for many machining jobs," an official of the company told this reporter, "and, in spite of a very low labor turnover and resultant inevitable aging in our organization, our productivity has increased steadily at the rate of roughly 15 percent a year... Chronological age does not necessarily have any relation to productivity. If an intelligent program of job placement is followed, the judgment and skills of older workers can result in even higher productivity than that of younger men. Further, automatic handling machinery and automation have taken a great deal of the heavy lifting out of manufacturing operations. This is true even to the job of floor sweeping. Automatic floor-sweeping machines are used on which a man of 65 or 70 could ride all day and do a better job of floor cleaning than a young football player."

These companies are not the only ones

which refuse to down-grade mature workers. There are others to be found here and there in every State. But they are exceptions to the general rule, and the picture throughout industry as a whole is not a happy one.

This fact was stressed not long ago by Secretary Mitchell in a report on coming changes in the national labor force. By 1965, he said, industry will need 10,000,000 more skilled workers than it did in 1955. But due to the low birthrate during the depression years there will be 750,000 fewer men in the 25 to 34 age brackets than during the



"Oh, I've been married four happy years. Those were the years I was overseas in the Army."

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previous decade. This means that industry will have to employ more and more older people, whether it likes it or not, if the nation is to continue to increase production and maintain high living standards for the growing population.

Ending discrimination against older workers is also essential to national defense. Should we get into another emergency that would siphon millions of younger workers into the Armed Forces, industry would find the task of replacing them enormously difficult if a high percentage of older workers had become unskilled or unfit for hard work through prolonged unemployment.

For all these reasons, experts on the problem agree, and not merely because it is the only decent thing to do, the older worker must be given a fairer break than he is receiving in the job market today. He deserves equal opportunity on the basis of his merits as an individual, without regard to any artificial barriers of age, and it is to the best interests of every American to see that he gets it.

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FIRST LADY OF THE AUXILIARY

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churches that make for our way of living."

As Leta sees it, the fight is one of education. She feels that people will see the light if it is shown to them. The Auxiliary with its million members is particularly well suited to develop the programs that steer the nation's youth on the right path.

In Gibsonburg, Leta's Unit proved in a small way how it could be done some years ago. Working with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Unit first helped by supplying flags and equipment. It lent the use of the Post home for meetings. Still later it bought an old school building and renovated it as a permanent meeting house for both groups.

It's this sort of action at the community level that Leta wants to see emphasized by the Auxiliary. As one who has worked long and hard she is well qualified to expound the virtues of such programs as she has in fact been doing for some time. Nor has Leta confined her good works to Auxiliary activities alone. Any worthwhile cause or organization in her community or State could count on her untiring support.

Yet with all the demands made on her she has remained a relaxed, charming lady who always has time for her three sons and her husband Carl. Life was not so hectic that Leta couldn't find time to hunt and fish with her family or to share in the busy life of her banker husband.

In many ways Leta reflects the spirit of her pioneer family, who were among the early settlers of Ohio. Growing up in the little town of Gibsonburg—93 miles west of Cleveland—she participated in the civic and social programs of her community. In this Leta was following in the path of the early settlers who felt an obligation to help build a better place to live in and to improve the lot of the less fortunate.

This year Leta's prize-winning rose garden will see little of her and the perch and catfish of Sandusky Bay will not be disturbed by her fishing rod, for now the always willing First Lady of the Auxiliary will be serving the entire nation. The enthusiasm which Mrs. Zeller brought to her community and State activities will go into strengthening the Auxiliary and through it the nation.

Probably her first service was as a Red Cross worker in World War I. Her brother and boy friend had gone off with the AEF to France, and for young Leta the Red Cross provided an opportunity to help them behind the lines.

Married after the war, Leta became one of the charter members of the Welker-Smith Auxiliary Unit 17, Gibsonburg, Ohio. Over the years she has

held every elective office in her Unit, and since 1931 has held the chairmanship of a committee every year. Her service here and in District offices brought her finally to the attention of the Department and in 1944 she was elected Ohio Auxiliary President. By then her two oldest boys—John and James—were serving in the Army Air Forces in Italy and England.

It was her interest in the youth of America that led her to organize and lead the Buckeye Girls State. She continued to direct this activity for three more years, and in the belief of many it was her work that made this program an outstanding success.

By 1947 her record in the Department of Ohio brought national recognition, and she won her first elective national office, the post of National Historian. In 1951 she became National Vice President for the Central Division.

Leta's service, however, was not only in elected positions. Over the years she has worked in nearly every one of the Auxiliary's programs. She has been chairman of national committees on community service, junior activities,

membership, education and scholarship, poppy, national security, child welfare, and rehabilitation.

An Auxiliary career such as this would be enough for most women, but for Leta there has still been time to help other organizations and causes. The Federation of Women's Clubs, the American Red Cross, the National Polio Foundation, and the Ohio Governor's Citizen Committee on the Study of Narcotics have all had the benefits of her experience and background.

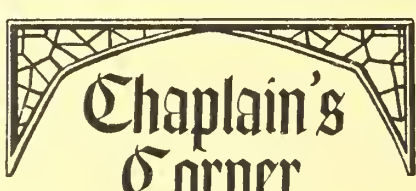
Asked once why she gave so much of herself and her time to so many causes, Leta answered simply, "Because I like people." To Leta this is reason enough to do all she can for everyone. If it is a trip to the primitive back country of Honduras to see how Auxiliary contributions to CARE are being spent or a visit to the borders of the Iron Curtain to check on the Crusade for Freedom operations or work with our own unfortunate Navaho Indians, Leta is ready and willing.

This willingness to serve has made people like her as much as she likes them. Here too a bit of Leta's personal philosophy has increased her stature among the hundreds of thousands of Auxiliaries. Asked once whether she felt differently visiting Units and Departments as National President than she had when in other positions, she said, "No. I can't elevate myself any higher than a Unit member, no matter what post I may hold."

For those who know how arduous and full her daily schedule is, it is a constant source of amazement that Leta Zeller never is hurried or disturbed. She always appears well-groomed and brings with her an air of reassuring calmness that makes many tense and difficult situations easier to take. A forceful speaker and a good organizer, she uses these talents to good advantage in the many speeches she is called upon to make and in the forums and meetings in which she participates.

This active public life has not made Mrs. Zeller any less a mother or wife. Her family has always come first in her world. With her three boys now grown—the youngest entered Army Reserve Forces Training at Fort Knox in October—it is her grandchildren who now capture her more personal moments. Her young grandson is the source of one of Leta's favorite stories.

Hearing his father announce, after receiving a telephone call from Los Angeles, that grandmother had been elected President, the youngster asked, "What happened to Eisenhower?" Like most grandmothers, Leta is ready to show pictures of her grandson and



Chaplain's Corner

By Rabbi NATHAN ZELIZER
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O God, we pray for the priceless heritage of our country. As Thou didst reveal Thyself to the Founding Fathers of our Republic, we pray Thee, reveal Thyself unto us. Teach us to understand the meaning of good citizenship. Help us fulfill our obligations as Americans by removing from our lives all that is hateful and corrupt. Teach us, O Lord, to sow seeds of kindness and service and to learn to live in peace and harmony with all Thy children. Without Thee, O Lord, all our efforts are in vain. With Thee we can go forward in material and spiritual achievements. Hearken unto our voice. Speak to our hearts. Behold our prayer, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

granddaughter with great pride. She frankly admits that when her term of office is over, she is looking forward to seeing more of them than she has in the past year.

The busy schedule of a National President leaves little time for oneself. Recently while recapping her first four months in office, Leta discovered that in the 120 days she had been home just eight days. Yet for Leta this is a year of dedication — one in which she hopes to lead the Auxiliary to new goals.

Auxiliary emphasis this year is on the Americanism program. Leta's trip to Europe to view the operations of Crusade for Freedom brought home to her the still-ominous menace of communism. While she was in Munich, the first shots of the red troops were being fired in Budapest and she had an opportunity to see some of the refugees fleeing from that ravaged country.

She hopes that by the end of her term the book *Americanism versus Communism*, which is being prepared by the Legion under a \$20,000 grant from the Auxiliary, will be well on its way to completion and distribution to the schools.

Leta wants all of the Auxiliary and Legion programs strengthened and improved. Her own travels have convinced her that the Legion and Auxiliary can best provide many of the services and

programs needed in their own communities.

If the indomitable head of the Auxiliary has any fears, it is only that we may be spreading ourselves too thin. Rather than take on still more projects, Leta feels the already existing programs of proven merit run by the Legion and Auxiliary should be given all of our time and efforts.

Her greatest pride, and the area in which she feels the Auxiliary best serves The American Legion, is its support of the legislative program. The nearly one million women of the Auxiliary have time after time meant the difference between success and failure for a Legion-backed bill in Congress. The praise of Legion officials for such support has been her reward.

It is this kind of cooperative partnership with the Legion that has brought Leta to the pinnacle of Auxiliary leadership. Speaking once of how she found the time for her work and how her husband could spare her for it, Leta said, "He was sold on the Legion's programs and because he did not have the time to do all that he wished to do to further them, he was willing to let me help."

With this spirit the Auxiliary and the Legion know that Mrs. Carl W. Zeller will further their endeavors during her year in office.

THE END

CONCERNING SOME SONGS YOU SANG IN SERVICE

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"My rations are marked C
Taken from porkers three
Thousand years old
And hardtack cut and dried
Long before Noah died
From what was left aside
Ne'er can be told."

The cooks did have their day, though. K.P. always was the same no matter where you pulled it. Large orders like boiled potatoes were cooked in king-sized garbage cans, and by 4 a.m. on a winter day fires had to be stoked and coals hauled.

This K.P. classic was written to the setting of *Trees*:

"I thing that I shall never see
A job as sloppy as K.P.
K.P. where greasy arms are pressed
With pots and pans against the chest.
K.P. where stand the chefs all day,
Barking orders at their prey.
K.P.'s who may in evening wear
A spot of gravy in their hair.
K.P. where all the yardbirds hop
To nonchalantly wield a mop.
Poems are made by fools like me,
And so's the list of that damned
K.P."

That grand old lady *The Mademoiselle from Armentieres* was an unknown French girl when some British soldiers

found her in 1915. At once she became known all over France. The doughboy, later the dogface, met her. And even if she wasn't always a perfect lady, they all still loved her. After all, it wasn't every girl who

"Got the palms and the Croix de
Guerre

For washing soldiers' underwear."

Here are a few of the million and one known stanzas of the classic often referred to as *Hinky, Dinky, Parly-Voo?*

"She never could hold the love of a
man

For she took her bath in a talcum
can.

My froggie girl was true to you

She was true to the whole damned
army, too.

My Yankee sweetheart looks
askance

At all the mail I get from France.

Oh Mademoiselle from Gay Paree

You certainly played hell with me."

Joe also used this song to express some of his opinions about certain phases of army life:

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The Cavalry said they did it all
Shooting craps in an empty stall.
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winning the war
So what the hell are we fighting for?
The 2nd lieutenants are at it again
They're winning the war with a
fountain pen."

Another million and one of the known
verses are unhappily unprintable, al-
though rather interesting. In fact an
eastern army camp, concerned about
young recruits, actually banned *The
Mademoiselle* from the post in early
World War II.

It also seems that *The Mademoiselle*
had a relative or friend active during
World War II. This time it was Joe who
discovered her. Like *The Mademoiselle*,
she was often barred from the better
military camps. Her name was *Dirty
Gertie From Bizerte*. In fact she was
possibly more popular during World
War II than the old *Mademoiselle*. This
is one of the fairly printable verses
available:

"Dirty Gertie from Bizerte
Hid a mouse trap 'neath her skirtie.
Strapped it to her knee cap pretty
Baited it with fleur de flirtie.
Made her boyfriend's fingers hurtie
Made her boyfriends most alertie.
She was voted in Bizerte
Miss Latrine for 1930."

According to military regulations a
man could be sick only during the daily
sick call. Sick call usually occurs at an
hour when the sick feel they are dying.
After turning in all his equipment, Joe
waited for the doctor in a large, drafty
room, which often sounded like a TB
ward. In the Army Joe really got to
know the wonders of the aspirin. In fact

he found there are no broken legs, only
badly bent ones.

This is *The Medics Chant* to the tune
Get Out That Old Gray Bonnet:

"Get out that old broken tibia
And hitch it to the fibula
And put the whole damn works in a
cast.
And in a khaki stretcher
They will come and fetch yer
And you'll be pushing daisies
through the grass."

Men living so close to death often
develop a strange and humorous com-
panionship with it. This rather gruesome
song was a great favorite of the troops
from 1918 on:

"They'll take you out and lower you
down,
And men with shovels will stand
around.
They'll shovel in dirt and throw in
rocks,
And they won't give a damn if they
break the box.
And the worms'll crawl in and the
worms'll crawl out,
They'll crawl all over your chin and
mouth.
They'll invite their friends and their
friend's friends too,
And you'll look like hell when
they're through with you."

Imagine a young, wounded soldier
being wheeled down the ward to the
operating room with this song softly
coming from the surrounding beds.

The second lieutenant is always open
game for all GI's. More shiny, new sec-
ond lieutenants probably dreaded a walk
down the company street more than a
year in combat.

The Song of the Campus Commandos

was sung at the A.S.T.P. (Army Spe-
cialized Training Program) at Purdue
University to the tune *My Bonnie Lies
Over the Ocean*:

"He's just a Joe College in khaki.
More Boy Scout than soldier is he.
So take down your service flag
mother;
Your son's in the A.S.T.P.
Goldbricks, Goldbricks, they're
all in the A.S.T.P. you see.
Goldbricks, Goldbricks, they're
all in the A.S.T.P.
The air corps may have all the glory;
The infantry has all the guts.
Sit down and I'll tell you the story
How we sat through the war on our
buts."

The Marine officers program at
Princeton was about as tough. They
sang their song to the *Marine's Hymn*:
"From the halls of Pyne and Nassau
To the shores of Jersey's Strand
We fight our country's battle
With pen and rule in hand.
First to fight for chow and liberty
And to keep our faces clean
We are proud to claim the title
Of 'The Schoolboy Marines'."

A civilian hearing or reading these
songs might wonder if soldiers so com-
mitted to fooling around could ever
fight a war or have the least bit of self
pride. The truth is that Joe did fight and
win wars and did have the fiercest pride.
True, it was a pride that only Joe could
admit, because no self-respecting GI
would ever say a good word about the
Army.

While these "alma maters" lack the
reverence of ivied halls, they were sung
with no less enthusiasm:

"The infantry, the infantry
With dirt behind their ears
They can lick their weight in
wildcats
And drink their weight in beers.
The cavalry, the artillery
The lousy engineers
They couldn't lick the infantry
In a hundred thousand years."

Here is a more typical GI "alma
mater":

"Up to our waist in water
Up to our ears in slush
Using the kind of language
That makes the sergeant blush.
Who wouldn't join the Army?
That's what we all inquire!
Don't we pity the poor civilian
Sitting beside the fire?"

An old army song runs:

"Oh let your songs be silent
And your voices mute;
A soldier's not an opera star
He's just a bloody brute.
Civilian ears are tender
And soldiers songs are crude."

But there is another piece of music
that soldiers have sung for a long time
now. It is a simple bugle call, *Taps*, and

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"If you're so sick, why aren't you in bed?"

it will always be loved by soldiers. Although there are other words to it, the words that most of the troops like best are those that say:

"Day is done
Gone the sun
From the hills
From the sky
All is well

Safely rest
Safely rest
All is well."

However, Joe couldn't possibly let it end there. He probably would add:
" 'Twas a hell of a war as we recall
But still 'twas better than none at all."

THE END

ROD AND GUN CLUB

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INTERESTED IN America's shooting champs? Last year saw C. W. Brown take the trap championship, The Grand American Handicap, with a score of 99 out of 100; Titus Harris, Jr. won the Skeet All-Around event with 542 out of 550; Kenneth Johnson took the National Small Bore Rifle Match at Camp Perry with 6385 out of a possible score of 6400; Big Bore Matches were won by L. G. Crow with 643; Sergeant H. L. Brenner again won the pistol championship with a score of 2610 in the Grand Aggregate.



PENNSYLVANIA HAS discovered that wood ducks need manmade nests to protect them from predators. The State's Game Commission recently came up with the idea of using galvanized pipe. Trying 500, they discovered that the high percentage of hatch made the whole thing worthwhile, and put their talents to working up a set of plans for anyone who is interested in turning out the wood-duck homes in his own workshop. The Pennsylvania Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pa., offers the detailed plans without charge.

OUTDOOR OKLAHOMA tells us that they have so many crows that out-of-State hunters are paying \$15 for licenses to come there and hunt the black bandits. Hunters there use regular duckblind setups and crow calls and sometimes a stuffed owl or two to get the birds within range. Seems that thousands of crows winter in Oklahoma, then go back to other parts of the country when it is warmer and destroy quail and pheasant eggs, and even eat young ducklings. The crow is a hard flyer, difficult to kill and a wary bird to call in. Shotgun experts claim that it is the most sporting of all shooting. As crows live in just about every area, they seem a good bet for everyone who wields a shotgun. Try 'em in your neighborhood before you put that shotgun up for the season.

DON HAWKINS, Route 1, Yuma, Colo., is terse but talented. "Keep some squares cut from an empty toothpaste or shaving cream tube with your fishing gear. When you happen to run short of sinkers, you can quickly make your own by wrapping one of the squares around your fishing line."

FREE TO YOU: The Shakespeare Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., has its "Tips From The Experts," five-booklet package ready to send. Not only do these booklets tell how to use that company's equipment, but they also have helpful and illuminating facts from men who know how to take fish. Yours for the asking. The Cortland Line Co., Cortland, N. Y., offers every fisherman who has enough interest to write and ask for it, the company's 1957 Fishing Forecaster, listing in a clever, colored chart the best times to take out after fish.

MARK NELSON, 410 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, Colo., tells us that he caught so many large fish so often that refused to open their mouths so he could remove his hook, that he decided to take an ordinary shoehorn along as a persuader. "Works like a charm," he says.

A FELLOW SPORTS editor, Warren Koon of the Charleston, S. C., *Evening Post*, has words for ex-GI's: "I've found a useful fishing item in old army cartridge belts," he offers. "Buckled around the waist, it makes a handy place for flies, plugs, hooks, extra line, extra spinning reel spool, pocket knife, sinkers, and so forth. The belt is at ways with you and it's comfortable and handy. It's so much easier to carry than a box and will hold enough stuff to last you all day if you plan right. And the heavy canvas insures 'no sticking' with hooks and lures."

IF YOU LIKE fish, you're probably also a shrimp eater. The Fish and Wildlife Service got together some experts and recently compiled a book called *Shrimp Tips From New Orleans*. It's available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. for 15 cents. It contains, among other things, tasty recipes for Shrimp Amandine, Remoulade and other famous dishes.

IF YOU WANT to learn how to help wildlife in your area, you may be interested in a new 24-page booklet addressed to those who care about homes for wildlife. It's called *Habitat Improvement, Key to Game Abundance*. You can get it free by dropping a line to The Wildlife Federation, 232 Carroll St., N.W., Washington 12, D. C.

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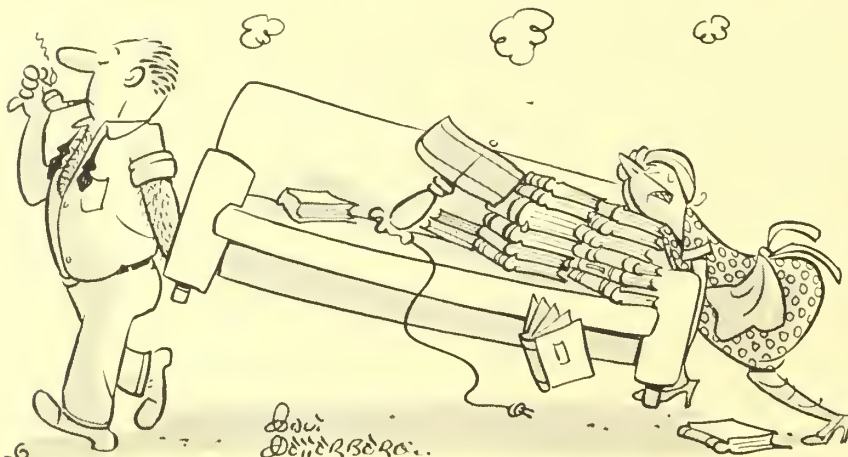
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Wrinkle Proof

*I find that I have reached a stage
Of life that's hard upon my pride.
No longer can I bide my age,
For Time's begun to age my bide.*

— RICHARD WHEELER

Vice Versa

A newspaper reports that several pigs

broke into an illegal still and got drunk,
which is a real switch—pigs making people
of themselves.

— ROY A. BRENNER

Cold Comfort

A cold may be terrible,
Almost unbearable,
May cause you to suffer like hell from it.
But it's worth being grippy

And raspy and drippy
Just to feel that good feel when you're well
from it.

— RICHARD ARMOUR

A Striking Idea

*One way to fight juvenile delinquency
would be to get the kids interested in
bowling. Get them off the streets into the
alleys.*

— MAURICE SEITTER

April and Baseball Are Here

The trees may be green, and the flowers be
seen,
And the home-coming birdies may sing,
And the sun shine above and the young
folks make love,
But it aint necessarily Spring.

*That season must wait for the opening date
(Here's hoping the skies will be clear)
When the fans start to howl and to hoot
and to growl*

And April — and Baseball are here!

For Spring doesn't start by the weatherman's
chart,

Or the calendar hung on the wall,
It comes — in a bound, when the ball parks
resound

With the heart-warming shout of "Play
Ball!"

Then Spring's the McCoy as the rooters
enjoy

The tip-toppest thrill of the year;
The Stove League is done and The Season's
begun,

For April — and Baseball are here!

— BERTON BRALEY

It Didn't Pay

*The ancient Roman spectacles were
never financial successes. The lions ate up
all the prophets.*

— GEORGE HART

Annual Occurrence

*Spring's bursting out all over,
With kites, and ball, and sports,
And so are little girls who try
To wear their last year's shorts.*

— HELEN M. WEBSTER

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a pretty girl on the jacket and no jacket on
the girl.

— ANNA HERBERT

Signal Effect!

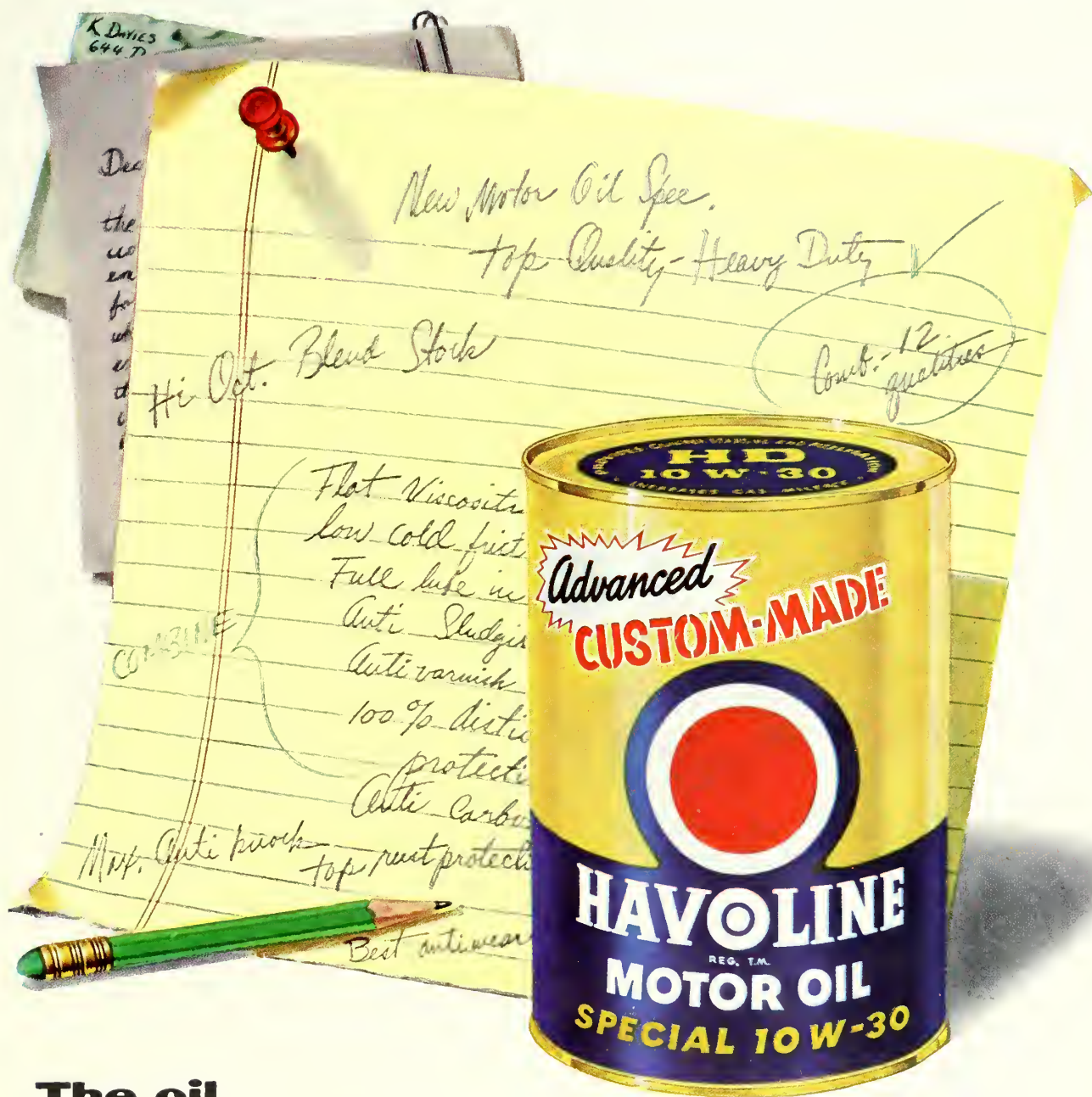
Some things work out with logic,
As in this case I cite:
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